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At New England Yearly Meeting of Friends held at Westerly, Rhode Island, with public meetings for worship on First Day the 4th of Sixth Month 1922 and on Second Day the 5th with those for discipline.

The assistant clerk being absent, Lucy W. Foster is appointed assistant clerk for this sitting.

By accounts received from Rhode Island and Sandwich Quarterly Meetings, the representatives therein named to attend this meeting are Amos O. Foster, Anna A. Gardner, Phebe F. Perry, Charles Perry, Eunice B. Clark, Anna E. Foster, Phebe P. Buffum, Job S. Gidley, Elizabeth Foster, Isabel L. Gifford, Emma T. Oliver, Mary J. Cope, Horace B. Foster, John G. Wilbur and John T. Kentfield, whose names being called, all are present but two, for whose absence satisfactory reasons were given.

Our dear friend, James M. Moon, is in attendance at this meeting with a minute from Falls Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Fallsington, Pennsylvania, endorsed by Burlington and Bucks Quarterly Meeting held at Burlington, New Jersey. His ministry has helped and encouraged us and we gratefully believe that in coming to us at this time he has followed the leading of our Master.

The Clerk is directed to furnish him with a copy of this minute signed on our behalf.

Information comes to this meeting from Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends that Eunice B. Clark and Gertrude E. Foster have been appointed to the station of Elder.

We appoint Emma T. Oliver, Horace B. Foster, Mary E. Foster, Maryanna Oliver and Phebe P. Buffum to prepare a summary of the answers to the queries and to present it at the sitting this afternoon.

We appoint Jesse R. Tucker and Amos O. Foster to examine the accounts of the Treasurer of this meeting and to propose the name of a Friend for Treasurer for the ensuing year and to present their report at a future sitting of this meeting.

Epistles have been received and read from Canada, Ohio, Western, Iowa, Philadelphia, and North Carolina Yearly Meetings and from Fritchley General Meeting, as follows:

From Canada Yearly Meeting of Friends held at Norwich, Ontario, by adjournments from the 17th of Sixth Month to the 21st of the same inclusive;

To New England Yearly Meeting of Friends.

Dear Friends:

As we have again assembled in our annual gathering, we have been encouraged and strengthened by the epistles received from the different Yearly Meetings with which we correspond; also one received from the first gathering of the newly formed Yearly Meeting in Germany. This latter was especially encouraging, seeming as a beginning of larger growth.

Several Friends from other Yearly Meetings are acceptably with us at this time. Their presence is a proof to us that our Heavenly Father has not forsaken us, but is still mindful of His poor dependent children in this part of His heritage.

We have been reminded that a crucifixion of self is necessary that the fruits of the spirit may be made manifest, and we may have that "peace that passeth all understanding". As Christ has said, "My peace I give unto you; my peace I leave with you; not as the world giveth, give I unto you." And this peace the world can not take away.

Eternity is near at hand; how are we going to spend it? If we wish to have eternal happiness, are we preparing for it?

The youth have been strongly urged to make a stand for truth, not to settle down at ease; as there is a work for each individual. "Work while it is yet day, for the night cometh in which no man can work."

Lovingly, your friends.

Signed by direction and on behalf of the meeting.

Mordecai F. Starr
Janet H. Pollard.

From Ohio Yearly Meeting of Friends held at Stillwater near Barnesville, Ohio, from the 10th of the Ninth Month to the 15th inclusive;

To New England Yearly Meeting of Friends held at Westerly, Rhode Island.

Dear Friends:

We wish to acknowledge in Divine Love and fellowship the epistle that has come to us from your Yearly Meeting. At this, our annual gathering, we have evidence that we are not forgotten by the Head of the Church in that we have in our midst visiting Friends who have handed forth messages of love and encouragement in best things. These messages and the company of our dear Friends uphold and cheer us on our way heavenward. We feel to encourage visits in the love of the Gospel, believing that they do bring about increased interest and understanding. Some one has said, "The whole world needs a benediction of clear understanding."

In Paul's letters to the early Christians we have been impressed with how closely he kept in touch with each branch of the church; he gave thanks for them and refers to making mention of them in his prayers. Would that we might carry upon our hearts the welfare and the upbuilding of our various meetings. "The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much."

The gospel records of the life of our beloved Master are full of prayers. He said "Watch and pray", and again "Pray without ceasing". If we are faithful to his commands in this particular we realize the fulfilment of many gracious promises. "The spirit itself beareth witness with our spirits that we are the children of God", and "The fruit of the spirit,love, joy, peace, long-suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance".

In the bonds of Christian fellowship, we remain your Friends.

Carl Patterson
Eliza H. McGrew

Correspondents:
Jonathan Binns, Adena, O.
William L. Ashton, Flushing, Ohio.
James Walton, Barnesville, Ohio.

To New England Yearly Meeting of Friends.

Dear Friends:

Our annual gathering is now in session; and tho few in number and feeling very incapable of doing any good thing, we have the comforting assurance that we are not forgotten by the Lord, for He has sent amongst us several of His devoted servants. The exemplary deportment of those without credentials is comforting and encouraging. And those with minutes for service have brought us loving messages of truth. We trust the good seed sown will not fall on stony ground. The apostle said, "We speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, even the hidden wisdom which none of the princes of this world knew for had they known it, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory." "The natural man receiveth not the things of the spirit of God, for they are foolishness unto him, neither can he know them because they are spiritually discerned." These are elementary truths, but they lie at the foundation of all true christian experience; and it was the realization of their spiritual significance which led early Friends away from the public religious teachings of their day.

We have been reminded that those of us who are longing for more freedom should accept the freedom which the Son can give, for the scripture saith, "If therefore the Son shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed". If we realize that free state we can go in and out and find pasture that will satisfy the hungry soul. We shall know of being made to lie down in green pastures and of being led beside the still waters, and we can say with David, "He restoreth my soul."

The change in the time of holding our Yearly Meeting enables us to have with us our younger Friends who will soon enter upon school duties. The mingling of old with young and the interest some of our younger members have shown in the business is, we believe, strengthening to all. The absence in the gallery of the faces of dear Friends who have been called from works to rewards, brings to us very forcibly the fact that if the Lord's work is to be carried on, younger shoulders must bear the load.

In conclusion let us say, that we hope we, with you, will "Be watchful and strengthen the things which remain" that nothing be lost.

Signed on behalf of Western Yearly Meeting of Friends held at Sugar Grove near Plainfield, Indiana, from Ninth Month 2nd to 7th, inclusive, 1921.

Arthur W. Stanley)
Annah S. Harvey) Clerks.

Correspondents:
Edward Edgerton, Plainfield, Ind.
Joseph Allen " "
Phineas Pickett " "
Calvin Newlin " "

From Iowa Yearly Meeting of Friends, held at Whittier, near Springville, Iowa; by adjournments from twelfth of Tenth Month to the 17th of the same inclusive, 1921;

To New England Yearly Meeting.

Dear Friends:

We are comforted on this occasion by the reading of your loving epistle together with those from other Yearly Meetings with whom we correspond. Many are the evidences shown of the Father's loving care extended over all of us.

We have with us at this time dear friends from other Yearly Meetings whose company and communications have been a strength and comfort. We are told to seek Him who alone can lead and guide us through darkness into his marvelous light; and exhorted to hold fast to the faith and testimonies for which our forefathers lived and suffered.

We feel encouraged by the interest showed by the young people of whom we have a large number in attendance, and hope that some seed of good may be planted in each heart which will bear fruit to the glory of God. May we seek strength day by day from Him who is ever ready to help for whatever task may be ours, and try a little harder to do a little better. We have been made to feel that

the heavy burdens that we often carry are not His burdens, but the burdens and cares of the world and worldly things. A concern has been with us at this time that we be alive to our duty, as the professed followers of Christ; that we allow our lights to shine in this time of darkness, feeling the present is a day of opportunity for us to manifest the principles of justice and love which alone can yield the fruits of a lasting peace, and heal the wounds of a war-torn and suffering world.

Let us all seek earnestly to do our whole duty that we may indeed become the children of our Father who is in heaven, "for He maketh His sun to rise on the evil and on the good; and sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust".

With a salutation of love we remain your friends.

Signed by direction of the meeting.

William P. Young)
Alza J. Binns) Clerks.

The Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends for Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Delaware and parts of Maryland held at Fourth and Arch Streets, Philadelphia, Pa., Third Mo.31, 1922;

To New England Yearly Meeting of Friends.

Dear Friends:

Gathered in our Yearly Meeting we have been afresh impressed with the weight and complexity of the problems presented to us. You also in common with us have doubtless felt the pressure of a world in distress and a civilization shaken to its foundations. But our hearts have been comforted and our minds refreshed by epistles received from bodies of Friends in other lands, -- from Dublin, Australia, New Zealand, Germany and West China, as well as by the presence and services of visiting Friends from England, Canada, and various parts of our own country. This has impelled us to look upon the diverse groups of our beloved Society with a little sense that however wide the gap which has seemed to separate us, there is a common bond of unity in the name of Friend, and that in some such unity the bitter need of the world is more surely to be met. Mindful of the fellowship in service and suffering which so many bodies of Friends were favored to experience during the Great War, and yet more broadly to perceive at the great London All Friends Conference of 1920, we have felt it right to extend a hand of fellowship to Friends in our own and other lands. Many years ago this Yearly Meeting, in a desire to avoid a critical and dividing spirit, closed all correspondence with other bodies of our name. We are not drawn now to propose a renewal of the exchange of formal epistles, but feel thus to offer kindly greetings to our Kinsmen in the faith; for we believe that in this our day The Ark of God moves forward, and that we must follow.

Especially have we felt a desire to strengthen the bonds which have in large measure and for many years united in spirit the membership of Philadelphia Yearly Meeting with your own. Our hearts go out to you in warm sympathy and love because of our spiritual Kinship. You and we are one in the great fundamentals of our faith,- especially in the interpretation of our mode of worship; and we look to you to help conserve with us that mode of worship in all its purity and power. Unity in this and other important respects will help to advance the cause of Truth amongst others much more than if we present a divided front. We need your counsels of moderation also; for there are many influences drawing us in new directions. If we could but magnify the essentials in which we agree, and minimize those things in which we differ, true Christian fellowship might more abound among us. It cannot be that the Head of the Church designs that we should always remain oblivious of each other. We have therefore ventured to hope that out of the turmoil of recent years there may grow a truer conception of that unity which is the bond of peace. We crave the strengthening of the pure life in you; we crave also your interest

and desire for the strengthening of the pure life in us; that we may all be knit together in Christ Jesus our Lord and may glorify Him upon the earth. Thus may our hearts and yours together be kept in "The love of God and the Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit" -"till we all attain unto the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a full grown man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ".

With sincere love we remain your friends,

Davis H. Forsythe)
Mary R. Williams) Clerks.

Wm. B. Harvey,
Correspondent.

From North Carolina Yearly Meeting of Friends, held at Cedar Grove, Woodland, N. C., from the 18th of Eleventh Month to the 23rd of the same, inclusive, 1921;

To New England Yearly Meeting of Friends.

Dear Friends:

Through the tender mercies of a kind Providence we have again been permitted to meet in a Yearly Meeting capacity, and although our number seemed small at the beginning, we were reminded of the promise that "where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them."

We are saddened by the many vacancies caused by the death of those who have so faithfully labored in a trying day, and while we mourn our losses, we believe they have been gathered with the just of all generations, and have heard the welcome language, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant, thou hast been faithful over a few things,...enter thou into the joys of thy Lord". May we who are still left on the shores of time be diligent in our day and generation that we, too, may be gathered into the Heavenly home.

We have with us, at this time, several dear Friends from a distance; and their loving counsel has been a source of encouragement to us. Your valuable epistle, as well as others from all the Yearly Meetings with which we correspond, came to us like the refreshing dews of the morning. May we all "press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus," and not be weary in well doing; but steadfast, always abounding in the work of the Lord.

With a salutation of love we commend you to God and the word of His Grace, which is able to build you up and to give you an inheritance among all those who are sanctified; we remain your friends.

Signed by direction of the meeting.

Walter J. Brown)
Mary J. Peele) Clerks.

Wm. T. Brown, George, N. C.
John G. Peele, Rich Square, N. C.
Harvey J. Newlin, Saxapahaw, N. C.
Correspondents.

A Loving Salutation from the General Meeting of Friends, held at Fritchley, Derbyshire, England, on the 3rd and 4th of the 5th Month, 1922, to the Meetings of Friends in America, with which we correspond, and to all under our name, and any others to whom this may come.

"Hearken to me, ye that follow after righteousness, ye that seek the Lord, look unto the rock whence ye are hewn, and to the hole of the pit whence ye are digged." (Isaiah 51:1)

From the General Meeting of Friends held at Fritchley, Derbyshire, England, the 3rd and 4th of Fifth Month, 1922, to the Meeting of Friends in America, with which we correspond, and to all under our name and any others to whom this may come.

Beloved Friends,

Having met again as a General Meeting, our thoughts go out lovingly to you, our distant brethren and sisters, with desires for our mutual encouragement in the way cast up for the traveller Zionward to walk in, so that we may increasingly know our feet to be established therein.

This way, of which the ancient prophet declared, "And an highway shall be there, and a way, and it shall be called the way of holiness, the unclean shall not pass over it; but it shall be for those, the wayfaring men, though fools, shall not err therein," is hid from the piercing eye of man's wisdom.

"I thank thee, O Father," said Christ, "Lord of heaven and earth, that thou hast hid these things from the wise and prudent, and hast revealed them unto babes, even so, Father, for so it seemed good in thy sight." The letter-learned Scribes, wise and prudent in their own eyes, turned away from Him, and rejected His teaching, but "the common people" - many, no doubt, poor and unlearned, "heard him gladly," realising that He spake with authority and not as the Scribes.

In writing to the Corinthians, the apostle Paul, who, brought up at the feet of Gamaliel, was well versed in Jewish, and doubtless also in Greek, learning, says, "And I, brethren, when I came to you, came not with excellency of speech or of wisdom, declaring unto you the testimony of God, for I determined not to know anything among you, save Jesus Christ, and Him crucified. And I was with you in weakness and in fear, and in much trembling, and my speech and my preaching was not with enticing words of man's wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, that your faith should not stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God".

That this was the character of the ministry of the first Friends we have ample proof. William Penn says of them, "They were changed men themselves before they went about to change others. Their hearts were rent as well as their garments, and they knew the power and work of God upon them, and this was seen by the great alteration it made, and their stricter course of life and more godly conversation that immediately followed upon it. They went not forth and preached in their own time and will, but in the will of God, and spoke not their own studied matter, but as they were opened and moved of His Spirit, with which they were well acquainted in their own conversion, which cannot be expressed to carnal men, so as to give them any intelligible account . . . yet this proof and seal went along with their ministry that many were turned from their lifeless professions, and the evil of their ways, to the knowledge of God and an holy life, as thousands can witness."

George Fox, in describing how, after long spiritual travail, earnest search and deep sorrows, he was brought, in early manhood, through the tender visitations of the Lord to his soul, to the saving knowledge of the Truth, says, "And when all my hopes in them (the priests and separate preachers) and in all men were gone, so that I had nothing outwardly to help me, nor could tell what to do; then, O then, I heard a voice which said, "There is one, even Christ Jesus, that can speak to thy condition," and when I heard it my heart did leap for joy. Then the Lord let me see why there was none upon earth that could speak to my condition, namely that I might give Him all the glory. For all are concluded under sin and are shut up in unbelief, as I had been, that Jesus Christ might have the pre-eminence, who enlightens and gives grace and faith and power. Thus when God doth work who shall let it; and this I knew experimentally. My desires after the Lord grew stronger, and zeal in the pure knowledge of God and of Christ alone, without the help of any man, book, or writing. For though I read the Scriptures that speak of Christ and of God, yet I knew Him not but by revelation, as He who hath the key did open, and as the Father of life drew me to His Son by His Spirit. And then the Lord did gently lead me along, and let me see His love, which was endless and eternal, and surpasses all the knowledge that men have in the natural state, or can get by history or books. And that love let me see myself as I was, without Him. . . . I found that there were two thirsts in me, the one after the creatures, to get help and strength there, and the other after the Lord, the Creator, and His Son, Jesus Christ. And I saw all the world could do me no good. If I had had a king's diet, palace and attendance, all would have been

as nothing, for nothing gave me comfort but the Lord by His power, and I saw professors, priests, and people were whole and at ease in that condition which was my misery, and they loved that which I would have been rid of, but the Lord stayed my desires upon Himself, from whom my help came, and my care was cast upon Him alone".

Our worthy elder, George Fox, we cannot doubt, was divinely prepared by many spiritual baptisms for his great mission to call men from the barren mountains of empty profession, from lifeless form and ceremony, from the Lo, heres! and Lo, theres! to the essentials and substance of true religion, by a living faith in Christ, the Leader and Teacher of all who, in every age, have witnessed a real conversion, a being born again, the passing from death unto life.

How diligently and faithfully he laboured in the Truth; how unreservedly he spent and was spent for it; with what patience he suffered for it; and how triumphantly he died in it, is well known to us.

Thomas Ellwood, who knew him intimately, gives this testimony concerning him. "He was valiant for the Truth, bold in asserting it, patient in suffering for it, unwearied in labouring in it, steady in his testimony to it, immovable as a rock. Deep he was in divine knowledge, clear in opening heavenly mysteries, plain and powerful in preaching, fervent in prayer. He was richly endued with heavenly wisdom, quick in discerning, sound in judgment, able and ready in giving and discreet in keeping counsel, a lover of righteousness, an encourager of virtue, justice, temperance, meekness, purity, chastity, modesty, humility, charity, and self-denial in all, both by word and example".

William Penn writes of him in the preface to his Journal: "I never saw him out of his place, or not a match for every service and occasion. For in all things he acquitted himself like a man; yea, a strong man, a new and heavenly-minded man; a divine and a naturalist, and all of God Almighty's making." And he concluded with this short epitaph to his memory, "Many sons have done virtuously in this day, but, dear George, thou excellest them all."

No doubt, the ground was prepared, as well as the instruments - of whom George Fox was admittedly the chief - for that great 17th century revival of primitive Christianity, brought forth through deep travail and great suffering, but shedding a light the passing centuries have not dimmed, which has been as a spiritual beacon to thousands since, and is still one to which we in the present day may turn for guidance, inspiration, and encouragement.

That a similar revival of primitive zeal and pentecostal power is needed now, who can doubt? And how is it to be brought about if not through instruments taught in the same spiritual school as our forefathers in the Truth were, and who have received their knowledge of divine things from the same first hand source.

In describing his call to what proved to be his life's work, George Fox says, "Now when the Lord God and His Son, Jesus Christ, sent me forth into the world to preach His everlasting gospel and kingdom, I was glad that I was commanded to turn people to that inward light, spirit, and grace, by which all might know their salvation, and their way to God, even that divine Spirit, which would lead them into all truth and which I infallibly knew would never deceive any."

Long mournful as a seeker, but at last satisfied when he found what his soul longed for, the tender, enlightened, and deeply spiritual Isaac Penington, in describing his travail and quest for the Truth, writes: "But some may desire to know what I have at last met with? I answer, I have met with the Seed. Understand that word and thou wilt be satisfied and inquire no further. I have met with my God, I have met with my Saviour, and He hath not been present with me without His salvation, but I have felt the healing drop upon my soul from under His wings. I have met with the true knowledge, the living knowledge which is life; and this has had the true virtue in it, which my soul has rejoiced in, in the presence of the Lord. I have met with the Seed's Father, and in the Seed I have felt Him my Father. There I have read His nature, His love, His

compassions, His tenderness, which have melted, overcome, and changed my heart before Him. I have met with the Seed's faith, which has done and doth that which the faith of man can never do. I have met with the true birth, with the birth which is heir of the kingdom. I have met with the true spirit of prayer and supplication, wherein the Lord is prevailed with, which draws from Him whatever the condition needs; the soul always looking up to Him in the will, and in the time and way, which is acceptable with Him. What shall I say? I have met with the true peace, the true righteousness, the true holiness, the true rest of the soul, the everlasting habitation, which the redeemed dwell in; and I know all these to be true, and am capable of no doubt or reasoning in my mind about them; it abiding there, where it hath received the full assurance and satisfaction. And also I know very well where the doubts and disputes are, and where the certainty and full assurance is, and in the tender mercy of the Lord, am preserved out of the one, and in the other."

Robert Barclay, the Apologist, that well-instructed scribe, whose spiritually enlightened and still "unrefuted page", full of experimental heaven taught knowledge, is considered to have been the means, in the divine hand, of more convincements of the Truth than any other Friends' book (would that it were more read at the present day), in describing how he came to be reached by the inward principle of life and light, says, treating of silent waiting upon God, "For not a few have come to be convinced of the truth after this manner, of which I myself, in part, am a true witness, who, not by strength of arguments, or by a particular disquisition of each doctrine and convincement of my understanding thereby, came to receive and bear witness of the truth, but by being secretly reached by this life; for when I came into the silent assemblies of God's people, I felt a secret power among them, which touched my heart, and as I gave way unto it, I found the evil weakening in me, and the good raised up, and so I became thus knit and united unto them, hungering more and more after the increase of this power and life, whereby I might feel myself perfectly redeemed. And indeed this is the surest way to become a Christian, to whom afterwards the knowledge and understanding of principles will not be wanting, but will grow up so much as is needful, as the natural fruit of this good root, and such a knowledge will not be barren or unfruitful. After this manner, we desire therefore all that come among us to be proselyted, knowing that though thousands should be convinced in their understanding of all the truths we maintain, yet, if they were not sensible of this inward life, and their souls not changed from unrighteousness to righteousness, they could add nothing to us. For this is that cement whereby we are joined, as to the Lord, so to one another, and without this none can worship with us. Yea, if such should come among us, and from that understanding and convincement they have of the Truth speak ever so true things, and utter them forth with ever so much excellency of speech, if this LIFE were wanting, it would not edify us at all, but be as sounding brass or a tinkling cymbal."

Thus far, Barclay. May we not add to these living and experimental testimonies, "He that has ears to hear, let him hear."

Whilst sensible of our own weakness and shortcomings, we feel that the spiritual legacy which has been left us in the dedicated lives of the worthies who have gone before, should stimulate us to greater faithfulness, that we, too, may "so run that we may obtain."

With the salutation of love,

We remain,

YOUR FRIENDS.

Signed in and on behalf of Fritchley General Meeting of Friends, held at Fritchley, England, the 3rd and 4th of 5th month, 1922.

Edward Watkins, Clerk.

The following was received too late to be read at New England Yearly Meeting:

From Kansas Yearly Meeting of Friends held at Emporia, Kansas, from the 21st of the Tenth Month, 1921, to the 26th inclusive.

To New England Yearly Meeting of Friends,

Dear Friends:

It is with a feeling of our own weakness that we address you at this time, knowing that of ourselves we can do nothing to advance the Master's work; but as we endeavor to learn at His feet, we may be as tools in His hands to do a little of the great work that is waiting to be done and we feel that these epistles of greeting promote a feeling of fellowship that may be obtained in no other way.

Your epistle of love and cheer was received with gladness as were all the epistles from the Yearly Meetings with which we correspond and a few from Meetings with which we have not opened correspondence.

We have also the company of some Ministers and Friends from other Yearly Meetings whose company and labors have been to us as a brook by the wayside; we desire their encouragement, and hope when they return to their homes, it may be with peace and rejoicing that they have been able to do their Master's will in coming amongst us.

We feel that there is a seeking after the true way by many who have not been concerned about their souls welfare until the spirit of war and great unrest that has prevailed over the earth has aroused them to a greater sense of their own condition. We have been made to query, "Who is able to help, and who is willing to go work in the Lord's Vineyard?" May we all seek to know what is our duty, and be ready to say, "Lord send me".

With a salutation of love, we remain your friends.

Signed on behalf of the Meeting,

Elizabeth B. Hinshaw)
Samantha J. Osborn) Clerks.

We appoint Charles Perry, Arthur Perry, James W. Oliver, Horace B. Foster, Annie G. Lowry, Mary C. Foster, Thomas P. Nichols, Phebe F. Perry, Job S. Gidley and Henry H. Perry a committee to prepare, if way opens for it, essays of replies to these epistles or to prepare a general epistle to be sent to all.

The representatives are requested to meet at the close of this sitting and propose the name of a Friend for Clerk and the name of another Friend for Assistant Clerk and to report at the opening of the meeting this afternoon.

Adjourned to 3:30 o'clock this afternoon.

Second Day afternoon Friends again assembled. Names of the representatives being called they are present with the exception of two.

Job S. Gidley, long Clerk of this Yearly Meeting, having announced at the morning session that, owing to advancing years, he desired to be relieved from the duties of his office at this time, Horace B. Foster now reports on behalf of the representatives that they have met and are united in proposing the name of Arthur Perry for Clerk and the name of Emma T. Oliver for Assistant Clerk. Their names being separately considered, the proposition is united with and they are appointed to those services for the ensuing year or until others are appointed in their places.

Following this there was a very general expression of regret on the part of the members of the meeting that Job S. Gidley felt that he must decline reappointment for the reason given, and of deep appreciation and gratitude for his twenty years of devoted, helpful and faithful service.

An epistle from Dublin Yearly Meeting of Friends held in Dublin from the 28th of Fourth Month to the 3rd of Fifth Month, and a telegram from London Yearly Meeting were read, as follows:

From Dublin Yearly Meeting of Friends held in Dublin from the 28th of Fourth Month to the 3rd of Fifth Month, 1921;

To New England Yearly Meeting.

Dear Friends:

We rejoice that the All Friends' Conference has been the means of drawing together Friends from all parts of the world, and it is in the desire that we may be yet further united in the bonds of fellowship that we send to you this message of greeting.

In our different surroundings may we each endeavour in the power of our Heavenly Father to live out our common Faith and in His Name to be Publishers of Truth. We pray that you may be sustained and strengthened and your service richly blessed.

In circumstances of trial and sadness we have assembled in Yearly Meeting. All our business is overshadowed by the thought of the sin and suffering in our country. The loss to the community through the interruption of the spirit of goodwill and fellowship cannot be estimated, and we desire that every word and act of ours may be in that spirit and power which take away the occasion of all strife and contention, and that God will guide our country into the way of peace.

We are your friends.

Signed on behalf of the Meeting.

Thomas W. Bentley,
Clerk.

Jno. Goodbody,
50 David Street,
Dublin.
Correspondent.

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LCO Charles Perry,
Westerly, R. I.
Loving Greetings London Yearly Meeting. Ephesians Third Fourteenth to Twenty-First.

Roger Clark, Clerk.

(Quotation: 14.For this cause I bow my knees unto the Father
(of our Lord Jesus Christ;
(15.Of whom the whole family in heaven and earth
(is named;
(16.That he would grant you, according to the riches
(of his glory, to be strengthened with might by his Spirit in
(the inner man;
(17.That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith;
(that ye, being rooted and grounded in love,
(18.May be able to comprehend with all saints what
(is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height;
(19.And to know the love of Christ, which passeth
(knowledge, that ye might be filled will all the fulness of God.
(20.Now unto him that is able to do exceeding
(abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the
(power that worketh in us;
(21.Unto Him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus
(throughout all ages, world without end. Amen.

These messages were received under a felt covering of Divine favor and were referred to the Epistle Committee for reply as way may open.

The report of the Prison Committee for 1922 was read. The report has the approval of the Meeting, is here placed on record, and the Committee is continued for further service.

"Report of the Prison Committee."

In the report of the Prison Committee read before the Yearly Meeting in 1921, it was suggested that perhaps the most useful work which such a committee could undertake would be along educational lines. With that end in view we have worked under the direction of the Pennsylvania Prison Society and at their suggestion have sent to the forty-eight states of the Union the following questionnaire:

First: Is imprisonment inflicted for non-payment of debts?
Second: What is the penalty for non-payment of fines and costs?
Third: Do you make any distinction as to the penalty of non-payment of fines and for non-payment of costs?
Fourth: Are prisoners detained only for non-payment of costs or fines discharged on parole with the understanding that said charges may be paid in installments?

Up to date we have received replies from all but seven of the states. When answers have come from all they will be tabulated and sent to the secretary of the Pennsylvania Prison Society for publication in that organization's periodical. It is also hoped that the answers to the question as to imprisonment for debt may be used to influence the legislators of the state of Rhode Island since they prove that this state is almost alone in its archaic laws on this subject.

Your committee realizes that its work is painfully inadequate to the need but it hopes that the Yearly Meeting will feel that even so small a service makes its continuance advisable. During the past year the helpful guidance and steady zeal of its chairman have been much missed - since, through absence from the country and long illness, she has been unable to share in the work of the committee.

On behalf of the committee.

Phebe F. Perry,
Clerk.

We have with us at this time, the acceptable company of our dear Friends, George C. Herbert, Charles A. Chace and Willis H. White, under the following Minute:

"At a Meeting of the Permanent Board of New England Yearly Meeting of Friends held at Lynn, Mass., Eighth Month 17, 1921, George C. Herbert, Lucy T. Herbert, Charles A. Chace and Willis H. White are appointed Fraternal Delegates to attend the New England Yearly Meeting to be held at Westerly, Rhode Island, in Sixth Month, 1922."

Taken from the Minutes,
Daniel C. Maxfield, Clerk.

After a very general expression by members of the Meeting of the deep satisfaction which was felt in having these Friends with us, and of appreciation of the cordial Christian fellowship which prompted their being sent, remarks were made by George C. Herbert and Willis H. White explaining more fully the considerations which led to their appointment.

The Clerk is directed to hand George C. Herbert a copy of this Minute, expressing the united feeling of gratitude on the part of this Meeting for this fresh evidence of Friendly and Christian fellowship.

Recognizing the differences in our polity and not compromising our testimony as to the nature of spiritual worship and ministry, we nevertheless rejoice in the Christian love which we trust constraineth both Bodies of our Religious Society of Friends.

The records of the Meeting for Sufferings were read and approved, and it was concluded to reappoint James H. Tucker, Jesse R. Tucker, Amos O. Foster, Anna H. Chace, Charles Perry, Job S. Gidley, Elizabeth G. Wilbur, Eunice B. Nichols, Isabel L. Gifford, Arthur Perry, Lucy W. Foster, Horace B. Foster, James W. Oliver, Mary C. Foster, Mary Anna Oliver, Anna A. Gardner, Thomas Perry, Eunice B. Clark, Elizabeth P. Nichols, Harvey C. Perry, Henry H. Perry and to appoint William T. Oliver, Emma T. Oliver, Mary J. Cope and Mary E. Foster to constitute the Meeting for Sufferings for the ensuing year.

An Appeal to the Churches of Christ in all countries which was prepared and approved by Philadelphia and Race Street Yearly Meetings with the hope that it might be sent on its mission with the approval of all branches of the Religious Society of Friends, was referred to this Meeting by our Meeting for Sufferings. The Appeal, being read, meets with the full endorsement and approval of this Meeting; and it is desired that expression be given of our appreciation and gratitude to those who brought it forth for the very real service which they have rendered to the cause of Peace. The Clerk is directed to sign the Appeal on behalf of New England Yearly Meeting and forward it to the Peace Committee of Philadelphia Yearly Meeting having its distribution in charge. It is the desire of this Meeting that its Peace Committee cooperate with that of Philadelphia and other Yearly Meetings, and that this Meeting bear its proper share of the expense involved in the distribution of the Appeal.

The following is a copy of the Appeal:

An Appeal from New England Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers)

To the Churches of Christ in All Countries.

Fellow Christians and Sister Churches of all lands:

The small fraction of the Christian Church which ventures to address this appeal to you, does so in a spirit of fervent hope that we may give our united strength whole-heartedly to uphold and advance the standards of peace which some followers of Christ have long cherished as a fundamental Christian principle.

Christianity seems to us to face a grave crisis and a divine duty. In this aftermath of history's most terrible war, we see two paths before us. One leads inevitably to another war by renewed preparedness of the most efficient military, economic, educational and religious means of waging it. The other begins with a complete rejection of war, and of all preparations for it, for any purpose and against any people; it demands definite organization for peace.

These two paths lie in opposite directions; we cannot possibly follow them both. There is no shadow of doubt on which of them are found the footprints and the sign-posts of Jesus Christ our Lord. Christ would not send His disciples where He Himself does not lead. "Follow me" has been forever His watch-word. Shall not then, the Christian Church follow its Leader with perfect loyalty along this path?

Such loyalty to Christ is consistent with loyalty to one's native land. The higher loyalty includes the lower, and gives to it all its best and brightest substance. The Christian's love of country finds its source, its inspiration and its direction in his love of God and his fellow-men. Christ taught the fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man; His church transcends all divisions of nationality, all prejudices and hatreds of nation for nation and of class for class. It must rise to the height of its divinely given mission. It must not depend on the leadership of generals or admirals, or financiers; nor await the changing policies of statecraft. In time of war, as in time of peace it must keep its eye single to God's commands, and must draw constantly its Founder's immortal and stupendous contrast between that which is Caesar's and that which is God's.

As Christians, we are striving for "a warless world". We are firmly convinced that this can be achieved only by refusal to participate in war, simply and sufficiently because war is by its very nature at variance with the message, the spirit, and the life and death of Jesus Christ. We unite in supporting treaties of arbitration and conciliation, limitation and reduction of armaments, international courts of justice, a league or association of nations for the preservation of peace. This is well; it is a great achievement for statesmen to accomplish these things; but it is not sufficient for the Christian Church.

A principle is greater than any or all of its applications. The fundamental peace principle of Christianity demands the utter rejection of war, unequivocally and without compromise. With this principle in its charter, the Christian Church can always utter a clear and unmistakable verdict on any specific measure of statesmanship that is proposed; it will not be misled or coerced, by argument or by force, into participating in any kind or degree of preparation for war, or into lending the sanction of Christianity to the waging of any war whatsoever.

The achievement of all the great moral reforms in history has awaited the development of a deep religious conviction in the hearts of the people. Vital, uncompromising Christianity when applied to great moral issues, has never failed to bring the Kingdom of Heaven on Earth another step nearer to realization.

The most pressing reform of our time is to abolish war, and to establish exclusively peaceful means of settling disputes and promoting cooperation among the nations. These peaceful means cannot prevail until the nations beat their swords into plowshares and learn war no more. To accomplish these results the Christian Church in practice and profession must condemn the whole system of war unequivocally and finally, relying not upon armed preparedness, but upon the awakened conscience of mankind.

Fellow Christians, we can scareely exaggerate the loss and suffering of the Great War. There is a bitter Macedonian cry in our afflicted time for physical help and healing; but far more for the things of the Spirit - for faith, and hope and love. What greater message of cheer and reconstruction could be brought to mankind today than the assurance that all who bear the name of

Christ in every land have solemnly resolved to have no part in war or in preparation for war, but henceforth to work unitedly for peace by peaceful means alone? Shall we not make this venture of faith together in the love that beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things, and that never fails? Shall the torch of spiritual heroism be borne by the Church of the living Christ, or shall leadership in the utter rejection of war pass from our hands to men of braver and truer spirit? Which Master shall we who call ourselves Christians be known by all the world to serve, the God of Battles or the Prince of Peace?

With love and greetings to you all, we are your sincere friends and brothers.

This Appeal was adopted and directed to be signed on behalf of the Meeting by the Clerk.

The queries with answers thereto from Rhode Island and Sandwich Quarterly Meetings, together with a summary prepared by a committee appointed at the first sitting of this Meeting, which is thought to describe our present state, have been read and the Clerk is directed to record the same.

Summary Answers:

Answer I: All our religious meetings for Worship and Discipline have been held, except one report states that four evening meetings have been omitted. The hour nearly observed. Some cases of drowsiness reported by one meeting. No other unbecoming behavior.

Answer II: Love and Unity are maintained in a good degree. Detraction is guarded against. No differences have arisen to our knowledge.

Answer III: Friends are concerned to uphold our testimony to a waiting spiritual worship and to a free Gospel Ministry, exercised under the immediate authority and anointing of the Holy Spirit. One report states that some have occasionally attended other religious meetings than those held by Friends.

Answer IV: Friends are concerned to bring up those under their direction in plainness of speech, deportment and apparel; to restrain them from all harmful associations, and to be good examples herein themselves. We believe the Holy Scriptures are frequently read in most Friends' families.

Answer V: Friends strongly discourage the manufacture, sale and use of all intoxicating liquors. Harmful diversions are not avoided by some. A care is felt to keep in simplicity on all occasions.

Answer VI: There are no Friends needing pecuniary assistance. Endeavors are made to keep our children under the care and influence of those in membership with us.

Answer VII: We believe Friends are clear in regard to the different parts of this query.

Answer VIII: We believe Friends are careful to live within the bounds of their circumstances, keeping in moderation in their business, punctual to their promises and just and honest in all their dealings.

Answer IX: Parents and others are concerned to instruct our youth in the principles professed by us, and to guard against unsuitable marriages. Our records are regularly kept. There have been no removals without certificates.

Answer X: We believe a care rests with Friends to deal with offenders when necessary as the Discipline requires. There has been no dealing or placing of judgment since our last account.

The reading and consideration of these queries and answers called forth words of exhortation and admonition. We were especially asked to examine each one himself or herself to see how deep and real the concern is to uphold a waiting, spiritual worship and ministry; are we individually concerned to bear testimony and to witness with our lips and by our lives - as the call of the still small voice comes to each one? Regular attendance upon the mid-week meetings and regular reading of the Holy Scriptures were earnestly urged. The searching of ourselves in the light of the queries and answers humbles us and drives us back upon the Divine Compassion.

Adjourned to 3:00 o'clock Third Day afternoon.

Third Day afternoon the sixth instant at the hour adjourned to.

Friends again assembled. The names of the representatives being called, they were present with the exception of two.

The Committee appointed to examine the accounts of the Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting report that they have attended to that service and that they have found vouchers for all expenditures. The cash balance on hand to the credit of the Yearly Meeting is $1,336.06.

The Committee is united in proposing the name of Harvey C. Perry for Treasurer for the ensuing year. The report is satisfactory and Harvey C. Perry is reappointed Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting for the ensuing year.

The Peace Committee presented its report, as follows:

The Committee on Peace has in accordance with last year's suggestions carried on its work along educational lines. A public meeting with Elbert Russel as speaker on Disarmament was held in the Westerly High School Hall a week previous to Armistice Day. This meeting the Committee advertised not only through the newspaper, churches, etc., but by sending post card invitations to individuals. The results were gratifying since the attendance was large, and the audience showed thoughtful attention. The local newspaper devoted a column to the report of the lecture.

Another meeting which did not deal so directly with the Peace question but which was helpful to better feeling toward other nations was held in the Meeting House when five representatives from each church were invited and other outside friends. Phebe F. Perry gave an account of her experiences in France, and Lydia S. Perry described the hardships in Russia and the great need for assistance to the starving. As an outcome of this meeting the sewing societies of six churches showed their goodwill by sewing for the Friends' Service Committee.

The Committee has rendered some financial aid to the Westerly Committee on Reduction of Armaments working under the R. I. League of Women Voters. It was felt that the League was doing excellent work through the distribution of hundreds of leaflets against war, through its newspaper educational campaign, etc. It was not possible for the Yearly Meeting Committee itself to reach the public as effectively as this larger group of influential women and the Committee therefore felt that its cooperation rather than separate activity was called for along these lines.

Members of the Yearly Meeting have also been active during the past year in the work of the Boston Committee on Friendly Relations among Foreign Students and have been responsible for the entertainment of these students in the home.

Henry H. Perry,
Chairman.

The report is satisfactory to the Meeting and it is concluded to continue the Committee for the ensuing year.

Job S. Gidley and another member of the Book and Tract Committee reported orally that some distribution of tracts had been made during the past year and that tracts and books are kept on hand for free distribution at the Meeting Houses. They and others consider this work should be carried on more actively in the future; and it was concluded to reappoint the same Committee as last year; viz: James H. Tucker, Jesse R. Tucker, Arthur Perry, Anna A. Gardner, Anna H. Chace, Elizabeth G. Wilbur, Emma Foster Perry, Gertrude E. Foster, James W. Oliver, Mary E. Foster, Elizabeth E. Gidley, and Elizabeth Perry.

The following budget was suggested and approved by the Yearly Meeting:

$150 - or as much of it as may be required by the Peace Committee;

$100 - or as much of it as may be required by the Prison Committee;

$50 - or as much of it as may be required by the Book and Tract Committee.

These expenditures are to be paid by the Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting on the approval of the said Committees.

Charles Perry brought to the attention of the Meeting the desirability of some definite contribution annually by the Quarterly Meetings to the Treasury of the Yearly Meeting. His suggestion was united with and the matter was referred to the Meeting for Sufferings for consideration - with power to act.

Epistles to Dublin Yearly Meeting, London Yearly Meeting, and Philadelphia Yearly Meeting, and a General Epistle to the Yearly Meetings with which we regularly correspond were read in this Meeting. They were fully united with and the Clerk was instructed to transcribe them in the Records, sign them on behalf of the Meeting, and send them to their several destinations. The following are copies of these epistles:

To Dublin Yearly Meeting of Friends:

Dear Friends:

We rejoice that you have felt like writing to us expressing a desire to unite more closely with us and encouraging us to fuller service under the sustaining power of our Heavenly Father.

There is indeed a strong bond of fellowship uniting as in one family those who believe that the essential message of Friends contains healing and strength for a world distraught and spiritually hungry.

Our hearts are stirred deeply for you because of the great sorrow that overshadows your country, though we hope that e'er long the light of peace will shine again in your land.

May you who have kept the love of Christ close in your hearts be enabled to serve - giving "beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness ---".

We all must work with patience, not chafing to see the distant scene, but hoping that through faithfulness we may be as a bit of leaven that in due time and, through the workings of the Divine Spirit in the hearts of men, leaveneth the whole.

Signed by direction and on behalf of the Meeting.

To London Yearly Meeting of Friends:

Dear Friends:

Your greeting of love sent to us by cable has been read in our Yearly Meeting - together with the passages of Scripture referred to, which we feel have spoken to our need.

We are much touched by your remembrance of us and by the evidence that you share with us a desire for unity and fellowship that has grown very strong during recent years. The knowledge

that we seek a common end and that alike we seek it through the working of the Divine Spirit rather than by the devices of man alone deepens the sense of our brotherhood.

We trust that you and we may grow in faith and strength that we may be enabled to feed His sheep according as we ourselves are open to receive the Bread of Life.

Signed by direction and on behalf of the Meeting.

To Philadelphia Yearly Meeting of Friends:

Dear Friends:

Your letter of kindly greeting has been read in our Yearly Meeting and at your expressions of love and spiritual kinship our hearts burned within us.

In the past few years we have felt an increasing obligation to become better acquainted with all bearing the name of Friends, desiring that such acquaintance should proceed in a measure of that sweetness of spirit which characterized the relations of Jesus Christ with all men. Nevertheless we have felt that the preservation of our mode of worship was so essential that we must steadfastly maintain and clearly affirm our adherence to it.

Therefore, as epistles were read to us from the Yearly Meetings which uphold this testimony, and as your letter was read - expressing the hope that we might conserve with you that mode of worship, and that we might crave for each other the strengthening of the pure life - we felt as if suddenly encompassed with a host of unseen friends, spiritual companions, brothers in Christ.

To our small group of Friends this was a very tendering experience. We humbly accept it as an instance of Divine favor and pray that we may not lose the exaltation of this moment of vision, but carry it with us into many paths of service for our Lord.

Signed by direction and on behalf of the Meeting.

General Epistle:

Dear Friends:

Under the weight of the heavy responsibility demanded of the Society of Friends today, we have sat together in our annual gathering bowed in prayer to Almighty God that He would guide and strengthen us. It is not enough that we have helped to alleviate in some measure the sufferings of a war torn world; it is not enough that we are trying by every means at our disposal to bring about permanent peace on earth; mankind is asking us not only for physical food, but for that far more precious gift - spiritual nourishment. We turn our thoughts inward and, with an ever deepening concern, ask ourselves if we are equal to this demand upon us.

Through messages from different parts of the world and through the loving ministry of those whom God has sent to be with us at this time, we have been renewedly impressed with the essential kinship of those bearing the name of Friends. As we all believe in that inward Light which lighteth every man that cometh into the world, so we believe that only by complete obedience to that Light can we hope to accomplish those things which have been asked of us and whereto we have been called.

As we have been moved in the past by the hollow eyes and wasted bodies of little children to undertake relief projects to a degree heretofore unthought of, so by the hungry souls of children of an older growth should we be moved to give of our spiritual inheritance. This blessed faith which has come down to us must not be kept to ourselves; we must not be unprofitable servants - wrapping our Lord's gift in a napkin; but rather, guided by the same inspiration which led the early Friends, we must push on till we have helped others and with them ourselves to "come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ".

With the prayer that in obedience to the will of God we may be united in loving fellowship, now and always, we are your friends.

Signed by direction and on behalf of the Meeting.

It was concluded to refer the printing of the minutes - together with the epistles received and addressed to this Meeting and the General Epistle sent out by this Meeting to the Meeting for Sufferings.

Charles Perry of Westerly, R. I., James W. Oliver of Sharon, Mass., and Job S. Gidley of North Dartmouth, Mass. are reappointed correspondents of this Meeting for the ensuing year.

The Clerk is directed to make all necessary extracts from the Minutes of this Meeting and to sign them on its behalf.

This Yearly Meeting does not have large affairs to administer when considered from a material point of view; but, as we conclude and separate to our homes, we carry with us a sense of the large matters of the Spirit which have been our concern and of the blessing resulting therefrom. Under this covering we conclude - purposing to meet at this place at the usual time next year if consistent with the Divine Will.

Arthur Perry

Clerk.

MINUTES OF THE SESSION OF 1923

At New England Yearly Meeting of Friends held at Westerly, Rhode Island, with public meetings for worship on First day the Third of Sixth Month, 1923, and on Second Day the Fourth with those for discipline.

By accounts received from Rhode Island and Sandwich Quarterly Meetings, the representatives therein named to attend this Meeting are Charles Perry, Harvey C. Perry, Amos O. Foster, Anna H. Chace, Phebe P. Buffum, Phebe P. Perry, Mary S. Damarel, Jesse R. Tucker, Horace B. Foster, Mary J. Cope, Mary Anna Oliver and Alice W. Gidley, who were present with the exception of one for whose absence a satisfactory reason was given.

Our dear friend, Hannah P. Morris, a minister in Philadelphia Yearly Meeting is in attendance with a minute from Germantown Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Germantown, Philadelphia, Fourth Month, Twenty-fifth, 1923, endorsed by Abington Quarterly Meeting of Friends held in joint session at Germantown, Philadelphia, Fifth Month, Tenth, 1923. Her presence and her ministry have strengthened and encouraged us. Her words addressed to children were especially helpful to others as well as to them. We desire to express our unity with her and to acknowledge ourselves her debtors in the love of the gospel. The Clerk is directed to furnish her with a copy of this minute signed on our behalf.

Our dear friend, Eva Irene Smith, a minister in Iowa Yearly Meeting is present with us with a minute from Springville Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Whittier, Iowa, Fifth Month, Nineteenth, 1923, endorsed by Hickory Grove Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Coal Creek, Iowa, Fifth Month, Twenty-sixth, 1923. Her company and message of gospel love have been acceptable and helpful. The Clerk is directed to furnish her with a copy of this minute signed on our behalf.

Our dear friend, Marianna V. Wood, is present with us with a minute from Hector Monthly Meeting of Friendsheld at Ulysses, New York, Fourth Month, Thirteenth, 1923, endorsed by Scipio Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Ulysses, New York, the Fourteenth day of Fourth Month, 1923. Her labor of gospel love and her company have been acceptable and comforting to this Meeting. The Clerk is directed to furnish her with a copy of this minute signed on our behalf.

Our dear friend, Edward T. Binns, of Philadelphia Yearly Meeting, is in attendance with a minute from the Monthly Meeting of Friends of Philadelphia held Fifth Month, Twenty-fourth, 1923. His service among us and his presence with us has been acceptable and encouraging. The Clerk is directed to furnish him with a copy of this minute signed on our behalf.

Friends from other Yearly Meetings in attendance without certificates are Ida O. McGrew, a Clerk of Hickory Grove Quarterly Meeting, Iowa; William and Mary Young of Springville Monthly Meeting, Iowa; Catherine T. Mckeel, a Clerk of Scipio Quarterly Meeting, New York; Henry J. Cadbury, Thomas Fisher and William Kirkbride of Philadelphia Yearly Meeting. We desire to record our gratitude for their presence and for the felt sympathy and fellowship of gospel love whether or not orally expressed. That so many have been drawn to come and sit with us is felt to be an encouragement and a token of Divine favor and love. We are led to hope that this Meeting, though as it were but a small tree, is one planted by the rivers of water; and that its roots will reach down deeper and its branches will spread broader and higher in the sunshine of the Master's loving care.

We appoint Amos O. Foster, Eunice B. Clark, Mary E. Foster of Providence, and Jesse R. Tucker to prepare a summary of the answers to the queries and to present it at the sitting this afternoon.

We appoint Amos O. Foster and Jesse R. Tucker to examine the accounts of the Treasurer of this Meeting and to propose the name of a Friend for Treasurer for the ensuing year, and to present their report at a future sitting.

Epistles addressed to this Meeting have been received and read from Canada, Iowa, Kansas, London, North Carolina, Ohio, Philadelphia and Western Yearly Meetings. We have received under cover of a letter from Edward Watkins of Pritchley a copy of the General Epistle sent out by Fritchley General Meeting. We have also received from London Yearly Meeting a copy of its General Epistle followed by a cable from that Meeting in session Fifth Month, Thirty-first.

From Canada Yearly Meeting of Friends held at Norwich, Ontario, by adjournments from Sixth Month, 23d to the 27th inclusive, 1922;

To New England Yearly Meeting of Friends.

Dear Friends:

Having again assembled at our annual gathering and having once again tasted of the goodness and mercy of God, our hearts have turned in love to you, our brethren, whose epistle has refreshed us and brought you near in spirit. And we believe that this is the test of our correspondence, if it strengthen and bind together them who are seeking to walk in the way of life.

Our Saviour prayed for His disciples, "That they may be one even as We are One"; and to them He said, "By this shall all men know that ye are My disciples, if ye have love one for another". The Apostle John echoes the same thought when he writes, "We know that we have passed from death unto life, because we love the brethren".

Dear friends, in this day of materialism and spiritual darkness how we need to encourage one another to be 'about our Father's business". If we will but withdraw from the spirit of this world and heed His voice, He will surely work His will in us and by us.

There are many calls to service and the Lord needs laborers in His vineyard; but the true servant of our Heavenly Father must know of a preparation of heart, a change within himself, ere he may go forth in the name of the Lord. He will then have no anxiety about the work for it is the Lord's; only to follow the guiding hand, and go on his "way rejoicing in the God of his Salvation".

"Wherefore, take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and, having done all, to stand".

With a salutation of love, we are your friends.

Mordecai F. Starr
Janet H. Pollard
Clerks

Albert Pollard,
Correspondent.

To New England Yearly Meeting of Friends, Westerly, R. I.

Dear Friends:

We have again been permitted to assemble in our annual gathering from many homes, endeavoring to lay aside for a time the cares needful in providing for our physical wellbeing, that we might be more free in spirit to "Come up to the mountain of the Lord" to "behold the beauty of His holiness" and "Inquire in His temple", even the temple of our own hearts where He is pleased to manifest Himself unto us and make known His will concerning us.

According as we have made this our daily concern may we hope more fully to obtain the blessing bestowed on those who assemble "with one accord in one place" believing that many have gathered under feelings of poverty and stripping, desiring above all else to be fed with the crumbs from the Master's table, and that His presence might be manifest in our midst.

His promises have not been found lacking, even the blessing to "those who do hunger and thirst after righteousness for they shall be filled"; but as the "manna of yesterday will not suffice for today" may our prayer be "Give us this day our daily bread" as we endeavor to press onward toward the Heavenly Canaan, and be girded and our feet shod, for long and sore may be the desert marches yet before us. None only the Captain of our salvation can equip for the journey.

Our own weakness and the all sufficiency of Him whom we desire to serve has been brought forcibly home to us. Oh that we might accept the Master more as He desires we should in our daily lives and conversation that "we be no more a reproach" to the high and holy profession we would wish to adorn. With sorrow of heart for our many shortcomings, we desire to be found more faithful in the future. With thankfulness for mercies extended, may we here set up our Ebenezer and say "Hitherto the Lord hath helped".

We have been comforted by the reading of your and other epistles from the "same household of faith" and desire your encouragement and preservation together with that of ourselves on the Immutable Rock against which the storms of time will never be able to prevail.

With a message of love, we remain your friends.

Signed by direction of Iowa Yearly Meeting of Friends held at Paullina, Ia., 10th Mo.11th to 16th, 1922.

Wm. P. Young)
Alice L. Standing) Clerks.

Correspondents:
James E. Gooden, Dexter, Ia.
Howard T. Jones, West Branch, Ia.
Joseph Henderson, Paullina, Ia.
John W. Mott, Springville, Ia.

From Kansas Y. M. of Friends held at Spring River, Kans., from 10th Mo. 20th to the 25th of same inclusive.

To New England Yearly Meeting of Friends.

Dear Friends:

We are again gathered in our annual assembly and our members are unusually small, so the question arises: Can we longer hold a Yearly Meeting? Yes, we realize that the Good Shepherd is still among us, though we may soon be so weak in numbers that we can not hold a Yearly Meeting. Many have moved to other parts of the world, and the older ones to whom we looked as dear land marks have gone to their long home, and the young seek an easier way or most of them, though we have some who seem concerned to shoulder the work in bearing the burden of the day. Some of us are weary of the complaint of discouragement and lack of faithfulness in attending mid-week meetings. Remembering that our Saviour himself chose twelve disciples and sent them out two and two to preach the Gospel of truth, and He himself labored and He said: "My Father worketh hitherto and I work", did not our Saviour teach the human family to love our neighbor as our self? He fed the hungry, healed the sick, cleansed the lepers, opened the eyes of the blind and preached the Everlasting Gospel of Truth.

He has bestowed as the finishing touch of His creation man, to whom He gave power and honor to be so wise as to choose for himself whether he would serve the living God or serve self and dishonor his Maker, and shut Him out of the heart. Away with the old discouragement and in with courage; and let us be heroes of His own pleasant choosing. Are we smitten on one cheek, may we turn to the smiter the other also. For this we must cooperate with the Great I Am - dealing justly, loving mercy, and walking humbly with our God; doing good to His little ones, in sickness, in prison, in hunger and in thirst, according to our Saviour's own words while in His temporal body on earth.

We have the acceptable company of visiting Friends from another Yearly Meeting to our encouragement.

May we all accept the gift of the Lord that He willingly gives us if we are but willing to receive it.

With a salutation of love, we are your friends.

Signed by direction and on behalf of the Meeting.

Elizabeth Hinshaw, Clark.

Delphiner Carter,
Correspondent.

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Dear Friends:

We greet you with love and pray that you may know the presence of the living Christ throughout your deliberations. May our whole thought, life and conduct be inspired by His spirit, so that in every effort for the extension of His Kingdom, His will and not ours may prevail. In enclosing with this letter our General Epistle, we trust that you may find, as we have during the sittings of our Yearly Meeting, the "Unity of the Spirit and the bond of Peace".

May all who bear our name discover a spiritual unity amid diversity and know that "one is our Master, even Christ, and all we are brethren". The concluding verses, 14-21 of the third chapter of the Epistle to the Ephesians show us how we may all strive together for the Gospel of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. It is in this spirit we greet you and with love remain your friends.

Signed on behalf of London Yearly Meeting,

Roger Clark,

Clerk.

From North Carolina Yearly Meeting of Friends, held at Cedar Grove, in Woodland, North Carolina, by adjournments from the 18th of Eleventh Month to the 22nd of the same inclusive, 1922;

To New England Yearly Meeting of Friends.

Dear Friends:

Once again we have been permitted to meet in a Yearly Meeting capacity, feeling weak and unworthy, realizing of ourselves we can do no good thing; yet we believe the desire of many hearts has been that we might be spiritually fed on this occasion.

We have been afresh reminded at this time of our stripped condition, as has been brought to our notice the departure of dear aged Friends since our last report. One by one our standard bearers have been removed until our ranks are much thinned; yet we trust we are truly thankful for the few who are still left behind, knowing to these we can go for counsel and encouragement; and we can but look forward in hope that, when time to these shall be no more, there may be those among us in the younger walks of life so concerned for the preservation of our beloved Society as to be willing to become passive as clay in the hands of the potter, that they may be moulded and fashioned into vessels fitted for the Master's use, humbly sharing their part of the responsibilities of the church as living examples therein.

Your loving Epistle, filled with much for thoughtful consideration, together with others from the different Yearly Meetings with which we correspond, as well as some from Meetings not in correspondence with us, have all been read to our comfort and satisfaction. We too with you feel the great responsibility resting upon us, and we do desire that we may be willing to lay shoulder to shoulder and seek earnestly for wisdom from the Great I Am to know clearly our duty in this important matter.

We have with us at this time several esteemed Friends from other Yearly Meetings, two of whom have produced credentials from their respective Meetings. Thankful we are that we have not been entirely forgotten, for their very presence among us bespeaks the interest they must feel in our welfare. We feel that never more than at the present time could the language recorded in Prov. 27:17 be more applicable where it says, "As iron sharpeneth iron, so a man sharpeneth the countenance of his friend".

In conclusion, we can but desire that you with us may endeavor to keep low and humble at the Master's feet, looking unto Him who is able and willing, as we trust in Him, to deliver us from the snares of the evil one.

With a salutation of love, we are your Friends.

Signed by direction and on behalf of the Meeting

Anderson M. Barker)
Mary J. Peele) Clerks.

Our Yearly Meeting begins the 3rd Seventhday in Eleventh Month. Select Meeting the day preceding.

From Ohio Yearly Meeting of Men and Women Friends, held at Stillwater, near Barnesville, Ohio, from the 9th of Ninth Month to the 14th of same, inclusive, 1922.

To New England Yearly Meeting of Friends:

Dear Friends:

It is a blessing to be permitted thus to gather from different localities to join our spirits in united worship to Almighty God, as well as to transact the affairs of the church in which we desire the leadership of its Holy Head. We are favored with messages of love from distant Friends - including an epistle from you. During

the reading of these, we were refreshed and encouraged by the evident token of life pervading them which strengthens the bond of Christian fellowship among those of the same household of faith.

The reference in your epistle to the demands made upon us is a subject well worthy our serious thought. We can all realize a name is little or nothing unless those holding it are in possession of the substance which that name represents. So it is only as those bearing our name, under whatever form, come into full obedience to our Divine Master that they can truthfully claim it, according to Christ's own words to his disciples: "Ye are my friends if ye do whatsoever I command you". This expectation or demand from without, if properly accepted may be of great service in arousing us to a sense of our position and our lack as a body in strength to maintain it. For nothing but power from on High can prepare for so great and important a service which has opened before us. As we are sufficiently humbled as Gideon of old who said "My family is poor in Manasseh and I am least of my father's house", the command may come to us: "Go in this thy might". The apostle said, "when I am weak, then am I strong". So our own weakness will not stand in our way but rather open the way for God's power to be revealed in us through which we can meet every demand made upon us by honest enquirers after the way of Truth to the rejoicing of many hearts and the advancement of Christ's kingdom among men.

The greatest works are performed through the humblest instruments.

With a salutation of love, we are your friends.

Signed on behalf of the Meeting.

Carl Patterson)
Eliza H. McGrew) Clerks.

Correspondents:
Jonathan Binns, Adena, Ohio
Wm.L.Ashton, Flushing, Ohio
James Walton, Barnesville, Ohio

Address of Clerks:
Carl Patterson, Chesterhill, Ohio
Eliza H. McGrew, Adena, Ohio.

The Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends
for Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Delaware and Parts of
Maryland.
held at Fourth and Arch Streets, Philadelphia, Pa.

To New England Yearly Meeting held at Westerly, R. I.

Dear friends:

As we have gathered in our annual assembly we welcome three of your members as "living epistles" and have appreciated your cordial greeting in the letter from your Yearly Meeting.

We fully respond to your sentiments that you and we and all others who evidence the same fundamental convictions should endeavor to draw nearer to each other in a closer fellowship.

We are encouraged to believe that younger members in your Meeting and in ours are growing in grace, and deepening in their spiritual life - thus becoming qualified to advance the cause which is dear to us.

As we view the sorrow and suffering of the world, let us not only do what we may to meet the material needs, but remember a still greater need, the spiritual hunger for the spiritual bread.

Is there not a challenge to us all that we rouse ourselves to this great vision of opportunity, both at home and abroad, and ask ourselves what we can do as our part toward meeting these great issues? Let us all work and pray that the Kingdom of Heaven may come in our own lives, in our own homes, in our own communities, in our own Nation and spread throughout the world.

With the feeling of loving fellowship.

Signed on behalf and by direction of Philadelphia Yearly Meeting of Friends held Third Month 26th to 30th inclusive, 1923.

Davis H. Forsythe,
Wm.B.Harvey, Correspondent. Anna Rhoads Ladd, Clerks.

P.S. We are enclosing herewith copy of a letter which is approved by the Meeting and directed to be sent to President Harding, his Cabinet and all members of Congress. We would encourage some such action on the part of your meeting if agreeable to you.

The Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends for Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Delaware and Parts of Maryland, held at Fourth and Arch Streets, Philadelphia, Pa. 4.6.1923

Dear friend:

At a session of our Yearly Meeting held in Philadelphia Third Month 28th in connection with the report of the Peace Committee, the Meeting has been led to give serious consideration to the present international situation. It seems to us that the issue between war and peace is growing clearer and sharper. Looking at Europe we feel profoundly disturbed by the unrelieved breakdown of economic life, the continued misery of the people, and the deep-seated hatreds and conflicts, especially between France and Germany. The existing international unsettlement confronts the nations of the world with a critical and momentous choice. On the one hand they may follow each its own nationalistic interests and drift down into the whirlpool of another war. On the other hand, an Association of Nations for the settlement of difficulties by conference and cooperation holds within it the hope of peace.

In our own country this issue faces us with a great responsibility. If our nation will disinterestedly add its great power to an association of nations, it may help to save the rising generation from the horror of a future war. But if it pursues a course of selfish isolation, accompanied, as seems inevitable, by fear and greater armament, it will be throwing its influence in the direction of an unthinkable disaster that may destroy civilization. We recognize that there are forces at work advocating and promoting this policy of isolation and armament. We unhesitatingly declare for the opposite course of friendly participation in an association of nations.

In taking this position, we in no measure recede from our opposition to all war as in violation of the way of love, revealed by our Master, Jesus Christ, nor from our belief that this is the true foundation of international peace. But we feel the call not only to bear witness to this deeper truth, but also to do all in our power to forward those practical measures which may help to make it effective among the nations.

It was directed that a copy of the foregoing minute be sent to President Harding and to each member of the Cabinet, to the Vice President and to all members of the United States Senate and House.

Very respectfully

Davis H. Forsythe
Anna Rhoads Ladd Clerks

Wm. B. Harvey,
Correspondent.

From Western Yearly Meeting of Friends held at Sugar Grove, near Plainfield, Indiana, by adjournments from the 1st of Ninth Month to the 6th of the same inclusive, 1922.

To New England Yearly Meeting of Friends:

Dear Friends:

With a feeling of our entire dependence on the Great Head of the Church for ability to transact the affairs that come before us in this our annual assembly, we can fully unite with you in the feeling that important as is the work in which we have all united to help in temporal things our poor war-stricken brothers and sisters of other lands, how much louder yet is the cry, not only of these, but of humanity all around us, for help in spiritual things. And how indifferent we are to these appeals; but we must remember it is not for us to choose which of the Lord's tasks we prefer, but do the duty that He assigns us. Do we realize in what measure we are our brother's keeper? How our daily lives and conversations influence those with whom we come in contact, the manner in which we meet the perplexities both great and small of daily life, and whether we are taking account of our own faults with constantly renewed efforts to amend our ways, or whether we are looking more for the short-comings of our friends and neighbors - for truly we find the more deficiencies we see in ourselves, the fewer we see in others. "Whoso keepeth his mouth and tongue keepeth his soul from troubles".

We have nothing new to write unto you, but desire for you and for ourselves a closer walk with God, who is indeed God both of Heaven and earth, who hateth evil in all its forms. "Out of the mouth of the Most High proceedeth not evil and good"; therefore, if we are true followers of Him, out of our mouths will proceed not evil and good, for indeed out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh; therefore it behooves us to look to our Divine Master for help to so keep the thoughts and meditations of our hearts that our words and actions may be above reproach.

May all who are united in the precious faith of our forefathers not be satisfied with a mere belief in and observance of the doctrines and practices of the Society of Friends, but ever be on the watch for opportunities to do good to the bodies and souls of men, helping them to come to the knowledge of the Glory of God through His Son who died that we might live and that we may live to glorify that purpose and thus honor the Lord our Redeemer who willeth not the death of any but desires that all may have life and have it more abundantly, is our prayer.

With a feeling of love that binds together all travelers Zionward, we bid you farewell.

Signed on behalf of the Meeting.

Arthur W. Stanley)
Annah S. Harvey) Clerks.

Correspondents:
Phineas Pickett, Plainfield, Ind.
Joseph Allen, " "
Edward Edgerton, " "
Calvin Newlin, " "

From Fritchley General Meeting of Friends held the 2nd and 3rd of Fifth Mo., 1923.

To the Meetings of Friends with which we correspond on the American Continent and Elsewhere.

Dear Friends:

In turning our thoughts towards you, our distant brethren and sisters, in response to the fraternal greetings received from you, which have been read amongst us to our comfort and encouragement, the language addressed to one of the seven churches seems to arise "Hold that fast which thou hast, that no man take thy crown".

We are passing through a proving time in the world's history, when the spiritual life seems at a low ebb, and the Divine Witness in the hearts of many is pressed down "as a cart is pressed down that is full of sheaves". There is especial need therefore for all who have Truth's prosperity at heart, to hold fast to that which they have seen in the true Light, and whereunto any, through Divine mercy and help, have already attained in their Zionward journey, to "walk by the same rule", to "mind the same thing".

Times and Seasons are not at our command. If it would know them aright, each generation must learn for itself the heaven-taught lessons in Christ's school, but the way to the Celestial City is the same as it ever has been, a path of self-denial and the daily cross which, if faithfully trodden, will become "as a shining light, shining more and more unto the perfect day".

"For ye have need of patience that after ye have done the will of God ye might receive the promise" was an admonition addressed to the Hebrews, and surely we need it no less, for there are dangers both on the right hand and the left, and nothing short of a daily watching unto prayer, that we enter not into temptation, can keep us from falling.

Today there are many voices among those who claim the name of Friends, but we are comforted in believing that there are those, both within and without our borders, who are seeking with increasing earnestness to be guided by the Light of Christ in the soul - which has ever been the fundamental principle of our faith as it is the foundation principle of true religion.

When Christ was upon earth many blind, lame, deaf, dumb, and diseased were healed by His Divine virtue, and all who are faithful now to the manifestations of His Divine Light will experience the healing of their spiritual maladies, and know a being born again of "the incorruptible Seed or Word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever".

Such will feel the need of worshipping Him in Spirit and in truth, through His Life and Power, for He is not worshipped by men's hands, as though He needed anything. It is we who need to feed at His table;there is no other name given among men whereby we can be saved, but the name of Jesus Christ; this is the only power that can cleanse and heal us.

By his outward coming, death and resurrection our Saviour manifested to the world, in an unparalleled degree, the Divine love of the Father, and gave us an example that we should follow His steps. "God commendeth His love toward us in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us,....for if, when we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of His Son, much more being reconciled, we shall be saved by His life".

Under a renewed sense of our weakness, and the need of our being ministered to rather than to minister, we would encourage you, our beloved brethren and sisters, to life up your heads in hope, and to "hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering for He is faithful that promised".

And may those who are in isolated situations, and feel the fewness of their numbers also be encouraged to press forward, not hiding their light under a bushel, but rather heeding the Saviour's injunction: "Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven."

With a salutation of love, we remain your friends.

Signed by direction and on behalf of the aforesaid General Meeting of Friends.

Edward Watkins, Clerk.

The Epistle from LONDON YEARLY MEETING of the Religious Society of Friends, held in London by adjournments from the 24th to 31st of Fifth Month, 1922.

To Friends Everywhere.

Dear Friends:

Man's boasted civilization will destroy him, unless he takes the way of life in time. If, while mastering the forces of Nature, he makes personal advantage the end, and his brother men the means to it, he oppresses them, frustrating God's will for peace. If, fearing to lose his goods, he turns his inventive skill to perfecting guns and poison gases, he will assuredly perish.

Two ways lie before us: that which looks first to self, and that which seeks to become one with all men. The selfish life may seem the way of development and safety, but its fruits are fear and war. It contains within itself the seed of its own destruction. The life that seeks the good of all often seems rash and unwise, but it is the one hope for the world.

This we see in the life and death of Jesus Christ. The carpenter of Nazareth so threw himself into the life of his fellows that what hurt them hurt him more, what raised them up rejoiced him beyond measure. The powers of bigotry and selfishness nailed him to the cross, but they could not destroy his love. Acts IV: 10.

The life and death of Jesus Christ throb with the message that, as he felt and loved, so God feels and loves. He showed us a Father, who shares to the full the suffering of his children, so that with them he may achieve victory and joy. Each pang in the agony of the starving Russian child the Father feels as his own. Christ our Lord is nailed to the cross afresh whenever a man or a woman is crushed or marred by war, by unemployment, by vice, by despair; he is pierced with grief as we hug our comforts, fearing to follow him in loving unto death. 2 Cor. V: 19. Heb. VI: 6.

Grievously as we have failed, we believe that God, as Christ reveals him, enters so completely into the daily life of all of us, that all can become one family in him. We find him indeed in our own hearts, but we find him there far more as we unite in quietness with one another, seeking to forget ourselves and to discover his will. Luke XVII: 21.

This realised oneness with God and man is the greatest of all forces; it is the Kingdom of God in germ, the beginning of a world of untold beauty and joy, where sin, oppression and squalor shall be no more.

God has no human body now upon the earth but ours, yet he calls the bodies of men his own. W.C. Braithwaite on John Woolman in "Red Letter Days"

"Christ's spirit taketh breath again
Within the lives of holy men.
Each changing age beholds afresh
Its word of God in human flesh".

Do we indeed come to his aid as we see him starving or unemployed? Are we not driven with shame to confess that again and again we pass him by? Should we not strive to find God as Jesus found him in every man, whether we call him British, Russian, Chinese, German, Franchman, Orangeman, or Sinn Feiner, Communist or Capitalist: above all to find God in those with whom we live and work, even if they annoy or slight us? Matt. XXV: 34-45

If men fail to do God's will, how can his will on earth be done? "I would fain," said one of old, "be to the Eternal Goodness what his own hand is to a man". Are we prepared to be the hands and feet of God? If so, we must hold nothing back, but, whether in our homes, in industry or in international relations, we must follow in whatever paths he may lead us. Are we willing, should need arise, for the sake of this great quest, to face suffering and even death; or, what may be still harder, to accept whatever new ideals God may show to us? Theologica Germanica, English Edition of 1857, p.29.

We dare set no limit to what God can do through us if we are faithful. Let us, however unworthy our past, go forth together to the work, joyfully believing that God can, in very deed, create through men the new world in which all are made one in him.

There are two ways only before mankind - the way of death and the way of life. Are we to shirk the issue, to let fear rule and humanity perish, or dare we, individually and together, surrender ourselves utterly to the God who wills this supreme glory for men?

Signed in and on behalf of London Yearly Meeting.
Roger Clark,
Clerk.

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Arthur Perry
Friends Meeting House, Westerly, R. I.

Cordial greetings from London Yearly Meeting to New England Yearly Meeting. Presence of American Friends now with us greatly valued.

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During and following the reading of these epistles the Meeting came under a quickened sense of opportunity and responsibility for service.

We appoint Phebe F. Perry, James W. Oliver, Mary C. Foster, Alice W. Gidley, Lydia S. Perry, Hannah W. Webster, Mary E. Foster, Henry H. Perry and Emma T. Oliver a Committee to prepare, if way opens for it, essays of replies or a general epistle to be sent to some or all.

The Clerk is requested to make by mail a suitable acknowledgment on behalf of this Meeting to the cable received from London Yearly Meeting.

The Clerk reported that there was a General Epistle upon the table from the Yearly Meeting held at Stuttgart, Germany, and it was referred to a special Committee consisting of Job S. Gidley, Horace B. Foster and Charles Perry for report to a future sitting.

The representatives are requested to meet at the close of this sitting and propose the name of a Friend for Clerk and the name of another Friend for Assistant Clerk and to report at the opening of the Meeting this afternoon.

Adjourned to 3:30 o'clock this afternoon.

Second Day afternoon Friends again assembled at about the hour adjourned to. Names of the representatives being called, they are present with the exception of three.

Horace B. Foster, on behalf of the representatives, reports that they were united in proposing the name of Arthur Perry for Clerk and Emma T. Oliver for Assistant Clerk. Their names being separately considered, the proposition was united with and they are appointed to those services for the ensuing year or until others are appointed in their places.

The Committee appointed at our morning sitting report that they have read the Epistle received from the Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends in Germany, held at Stuttgart the 16th and 17th of the Fourth Month, 1922, and recommend that it be read in this Meeting and referred to the Epistle Committee for acknowledgment or an essay of reply as way may open.

From the Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends in Germany, held at Stuttgart, the 16th and 17th of the 4th month 1922.

To the New England Yearly Meeting of Friends, held at Westerly, R. I., U.S.A., by adjournments from the 4th of the Sixth mo. to the 7th of the same, inclusive, 1921.

To all the Friends of humanity, willing to bear the Cross of Christ inwardly.

Dear Friends:

We have come together in Stuttgart on the occasion of our second yearly meeting in the service of the Gospel, and desire to greet you again in the love and grace of our Lord Christ Jesus.

In this meeting it has been laid upon us as a heavy burden to follow our Master in all the concerns of daily life and, while maintaining the principles of the Early Friends to serve our fellowmen in that humility and love which removes the causes of endless sorrow and deepest need in our own and in foreign countries, so that sympathy and love may get the upper hand, for these causes contribute to injustice, oppression, deceit and cruelty.

The testimony which we can give forth in our weakness is a testimony to the Light that is the true Light which lights every men that comes into the world. (John I:9).

This is the Light, the Sun, which has streamed forth through past milleniums, which so wonderfully shone in George Fox and the Early Friends and which we have also experienced as the Spirit which is the surest of all guides on our pilgrimage to the land of rest and peace.

With sorrow we notice that this Light, the Seed of God, is choked and trodden down in the hearts of many of our fellow pilgrims and the Pearl of great price lies hidden in great darkness. For this reason we esteem it a solemn duty to set forth a living testimony to the Divine truths which have been revealed to us.

In our quiet meetings recently and also on occasion of the Yearly meeting we have been led to recognise that in the present day there is nothing more holy or more important to be done than to serve the Lord in his children, and to bring home out of the night of error to the Light of Christ all the wanderers who are languishing in the bonds of sin and vice.

We wish to serve as Christ did, and as He teaches us today as the need arises, for the world in which we live, and for our country full of hunger, poverty, trouble and pain.

We desire then with the Grace of God to bestir ourselves on behalf of our hungry and unhappy brother man, to live an abstemious clean life free from the guilt of blood and killing so as to deny everything which cannot be reconciled with the great commandment of love and to bear testimony to the Divine spring which rises in us. Gold and Silver we have none but what we have, our whole being and life, that we wish to give, and that we must give up to the service of God and mankind, in accordance with the inward call of God.

Can we Friends stand aside and idly fold our hands instead of denying ourselves all luxury, all that is not necessary to life? Should we not fight luxury in a house full of poor unhappy people, where the sick groan, the hungry die of famine, and the roof threatens to fall down. Yet this is the house in which we live, this house is Germany, and in a wider sense it is the whole world.

In the midst of this great need we feel impelled to consecrate our lives to fight against vice and misery in every form, and against all that is inimical to good - such as all kinds of blood shedding, Alcohol, Prostitution, Tobacco, Interest and Usury.

We look on man as the Temple of God and we cannot either directly in war or indirectly in peace be parties to crushing Him. The voice of God inwardly calls us to be our brother's keeper.

The Lord give us wisdom and strength in our endeavour, in this day of self-seeking, lust of the flesh, money-loving, hard-heartedness, to live such a life as will not meet with the reproach from the Heavenly Judge: "Thy brother's blood crieth unto me from the ground". We entreat you, friends and brethren in whose breasts the Light, love and mercy dwell, to listen. See and feel how great is the need and the misery of millions of our brethren, and fight with us against the destroying powers of darkness.

Let us work, dear friends, so long as the day lasts, before the night overtakes us.

The Lord will be with us, so long as our life is unspotted and forms a good example, then shall we in the power of His Spirit attain to a heavenly atmosphere and heavenly grace; yea to bear the Kingdom of Heaven about with us, in the midst of the surrounding hell. Through the Spirit of Light alone can the Spirit of darkness be brought under and overcome.

Do not be afraid to go through hate and scorn, mockery and ignominy, for the followers of Christ have never had any other reward and never on this earth will have any other than that which He had - The Kingdom of God is within.

Dear Friends, we commend you to the grace of our Lord Christ Jesus and the peace of God which is beyond human understanding. May He keep our hearts and minds to Himself.

Signed by direction and on behalf of the Yearly Meeting.

sig. Johannes Lehmann - An Elder

sig. Otto Rapp Clerk.

The Queries were read at this time with answers thereto from Rhode Island and Sandwich Quarterly Meetings, together with a summary prepared by the Committee appointed at our first sitting which is thought to describe our present state, and the Clerk is directed to record the same.

Summary Answers:

Answer I: All our religious meetings for worship and discipline have been held except a few on account of sickness and severe weather. They are neglected by a few. The hour of gathering could be better observed.

Answer II: Love and unity are maintained in a good degree. Detraction is guarded against. No differences have arisen to our knowledge.

Answer III: Friends are concerned to uphold our testimony to a waiting spiritual worship and to a free gospel ministry exercised under the immediate authority and anointing of the Holy Spirit. Some occasionally attend other religious meetings than those held by Friends.

Answer IV: Friends are concerned to bring up those under their direction in plainness of speech, deportment and apparel, to restrain them from pernicious reading, and to guard them from harmful associations and influences and to be good examples herein themselves. The Holy Scriptures are frequently read in Friends' families.

Answer V: Clear as to discouraging the manufacture, sale and use of all intoxicating liquors. Not clear as to avoidance of harmful diversions. More care as to simplicity on all occasions is needed.

Answer VI: There are no Friends in need of assistance. Our children are educated to fit them for the duties of life. All of our children are under Friends' care.

Answer VII: We believe Friends are clear in regard to the different parts of this query.

Answer VIII: Friends are careful to live within the bounds of their circumstances and to keep to moderation in their business. They endeavor to be punctual to their promises and just and honest in all their dealings.

Answer IX: There is a care to instruct our youth in Friends' principles, and to guard against unsuitable marriages. Friends records are duly kept. There have been no removals without certificates.

Answer X: Friends are careful to deal with offenders in the spirit of meekness without partiality or unnecessary delay. There has been one case of dealing and placing of judgment since our last report.

During the reading of the queries and answers a concern was expressed for a living worship in our Meetings and a bringing of the young people to an understanding of the vital principles and testimonies of Friends and of the way and purpose of our Meetings for

worship - not only through the tradition of the fathers, but through and in language which will appeal to the children of this day to their conviction of the truth. There was also expression of a concern for a deeper and fuller interpretation of the requirements of the 7th Query as it applies to our efforts in behalf of peace - that they may not be simply a passive testimony to the principle, but a progressive, aggressive and active effort and program to bring about conditions which will make war impossible. An appeal was made for a closer adherence to the testimony of our Society for plainness and simplicity in our way of life.

Henry J. Cadbury brought to our consideration the Friends Meeting held on First Day afternoons in Phillips Brooks House at Cambridge, Mass., made up of Friends from widely separated Yearly Meetings but without definite organization or settlement by a religious body as a meeting. He spoke of the problems confronting its members, the difficulty of dealing with cases in which individuals wanting to join the Society of Friends had to be told that the group had no organization which could act in such a case. There was expression on the part of several of our members of a warm interest in the Cambridge meeting and of appreciation of its very real service in a place of need. The Clerk was directed to express to the Cambridge meeting our sympathy and concern for its encouragement and welfare, and of our desire to be helpful in any way we can in solving the problems before them.

We are informed by Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting that our dear friend, Elizabeth P. Nichols, has been recognized a minister of our Society; and satisfaction was expressed with this action.

The report of the Committee on Prison Reform was read, fully united with, and the Clerk was requested to record the same.

The Committee on Prison Reform, reappointed by the Yearly Meeting at its last session, has given its attention during the past year to completing the report requested by the Pennsylvania Prison Society on Debts, Fines and Costs in the several States.

This report was published in the First Month number of the Prison Journal and contained the information obtained from forty-six of the forty-eight States.

Among other data, it was found that imprisonment for debt is practically forbidden in every State in the Union except Rhode Island. Here a prisoner may be detained behind the bars, for a longer or shorter time, for a debt which he can never discharge while in prison. The creditor gets no satisfaction except to glut his

vengeance or to use the imprisonment as a means of securing money from the sympathetic friends of the debtor.

The Committee has felt that it might be well, considering how scattered its members are and how difficult it thus is to accomplish any large piece of work, that we should centre our efforts upon one problem such as this imprisonment for debt and should work for the removal of such an archaic law from the statute books of the State.

Through the efforts of the Committee Louis J. Bernhardt spoke before the Meeting and its friends Seventh Day evening, Sixth Month, 2nd, on his experiences within and without prison. He urged us to rouse public opinion to the necessity for using Christian methods with the prisoner - both while he was behind the bars and after he had regained his freedom.

The Committee has been so impressed with the work which Louis J. Bernhardt is doing among the released prisoners that it is sending him fifty dollars to help him in his great task.

On behalf of the Committee.

Elizabeth M. Chace, Chairman.
Phebe F. Perry, Clerk.

It was felt that the Committee had done a very real and arduous service, far-reaching in its influence, as shown by the publication of its findings in the Prison Journal, First Month last, covering the laws in forty-six States on Debts, Fines and Costs. It was concluded to continue the Committee for the ensuing year - with an expression of appreciation and encouragement. An appropriation of $100 was made subject to the order of the Committee.

The records of the Meeting for Sufferings were read and approved; and it was concluded to reappoint James H. Tucker, Jesse R. Tucker, Amos O. Foster, Anna H. Chace, Charles Perry, Job S. Gidley, Elizabeth G. Wilbur, Eunice B. Nichols, Isabel L. Gifford, Arthur Perry, Lucy W. Foster, Horace B. Foster, James W. Oliver, Mary C. Foster, Mary Anna Oliver, Anna A. Gardner, Thomas Perry, Eunice B. Clark, Elizabeth P. Nichols, Harvey C. Perry, Henry H. Perry, William T. Oliver, Emma T. Oliver, Mary J. Cope and Mary E. Foster of Providence to constitute the Meeting for Sufferings for the ensuing year - its first sitting to be held on Fourth Day, Sixth Month, Sixth, following the rise of the Yearly Meeting.

Adjourned to Third Day afternoon at 3:00 o'clock.

Third Day afternoon, the Fifth instant, at about the hour adjourned to Friends again assembled. The names of the representatives being called, they were present with the exception of three.

The Committee appointed to examine the accounts of the Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting report that they have attended to that service and that they have found vouchers for all expenditures and that the accounts have been accurately kept. The cash balance on hand to the credit of the Yearly Meeting is $1,321.18. The Committee is united in proposing the name of Harvey C. Perry for Treasurer. The report is satisfactory and Harvey C. Perry is reappointed Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting for the ensuing year.

The Peace Committee presented its report and the Clerk is requested to record the same.

Report of the Peace Committee.

In the face of the enormous world-wide problem before us, the Peace Committee have felt at a loss to know in what direction an effective step might be taken to further this cause so important to us all.

Some work has been done by individual members through distribution of literature especially among school teachers, the writing of articles for newspapers and in other minor ways.

One hundred dollars was contributed to assist in the circulation of a letter of general appeal to Christian churches in all countries, in accordance with the desire expressed by the Yearly Meeting at its last session.

We realize that a great responsibility has been laid upon us which we have failed to meet; but we feel that it will be possible for the Committee to do far more effective work during the coming year in co-operation with the National Council for Prevention of War which appears to be coordinating successfully most of the many organizations which heretofore have been working independently, and the program of which has been effectively presented to us by Frederick J. Libby at this session of our Yearly Meeting.

Henry H. Perry, Chairman,
Elizabeth Perry, Clerk.

The report is satisfactory and it is concluded to appoint as the Committee for the ensuing year Henry T. Gidley, Charles H. Carter, Emma T. Oliver, Henry H. Perry, Anna Foster, Job S. Gidley, Elizabeth Perry, Thos. P. Nichols, Thomas Perry, Eva L. Foster, Harvey C. Perry and Lydia S. Perry. The Committee was encouraged to press the work for peace and the sum of $250, or as much of it as may be required, is appropriated subject to the order of the Peace Committee.

No formal report was submitted by the Book and Tract Committee, but it was decided to continue the same Committee for another year; viz: James H. Tucker, Jesse R. Tucker, Arthur Perry, Anna A. Gardner, Anna H. Chace, Elizabeth G. Wilbur, Emma Foster Perry, Gertrude E. Foster, James W. Oliver, Mary E. Foster of Westerly, Elizabeth E. Gidley and Elizabeth Perry. An appropriation of $150 was made for its work subject to the order of the Committee.

Epistles to Canada Yearly Meeting, the General Meeting of Friends at Fritchley, Kansas Yearly Meeting, London Yearly Meeting, all those in Germany sharing the principles of Friends, and a General Epistle addressed to Philadelphia Yearly Meeting, Iowa Yearly Meeting, North Carolina Yearly Meeting, Ohio Yearly Meeting and Western Yearly Meeting were read.

To Canada Yearly Meeting of Friends:

Dear Friends:

As we are gathered together at this time to transact the business of our Yearly Meeting, we have felt what a favor it is that, while we are separated from many who also love our Lord and whose manner of worship is similar to ours, yet the bonds of fellowship which bind us can be renewed and strengthened by these tokens of continued love as shown by the epistles received from yours and other bodies of Friends.

The sad condition of the world, the suffering and hate, and the longing for something better appeal strongly to us, who profess to be followers of the Prince of Peace, to examine ourselves and see whether we, as organizations or individually, are doing what is required of us at this time. Should we not make use of every opportunity to promote the cause of Peace and Righteousness - both by precept and example?

Our Saviour told His disciples that He was "the vine" and they were "the branches" and "he that abideth in Me and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit, for without Me ye can do nothing". So, if we are concerned to abide in Him, we shall be fruit-bearing branches and help in our measure to serve our God and generation.

We have at this time the company of several dear ministering Friends and visitors from other Yearly Meetings (two from your Yearly Meeting) whose company and loving counsel have been truly helpful to us.

We have been encouraged by a larger attendance than usual of our younger members, and at times we were conscious of the Divine presence tendering our hearts and enabling us to sit as it were in Heavenly places in Christ Jesus.

The language has arisen, "What shall we render unto our Lord for all His benefits?" and we have felt that we should be willing to seek His guiding hand knowing that if "in all our ways we acknowledge Him, He will direct our paths" and we may be instruments in His hand of hastening the day when "righteousness shall cover the earth as the waters cover the sea".

Your acceptable epistle of the Sixth Month, 1922, has been received and read to our comfort and encouragement.

With a salutation of love, we remain your friends.

To Fritchley General Meeting of Friends:

Dear Friends:

Being gathered again in our annual assembly in littleness and nothingness of self, we have felt comforted in the reading of your acceptable epistle and realize that you with us have to feel how little the concern of the people is for the betterment of their souls.

Rather they are running more after the pleasures of worldly amusements and self-pleasing; though at times we are comforted to find that there are those who have not bowed the knee to Baal, but are striving to sound an alarm among the people to awake from their lethargy and seek the pleasures that come from God alone.

Some of us do know that the pleasures of the world are not to be compared to the joys that are the experience of those whose life is hid with Christ in God.

And, Oh, that we may seek to abide under the shadow of our Almighty King who alone can preserve us through every trying dispensation! For truly we realize that of ourselves we can do little; but, Oh, let the hand of His Might be upon us, hewing and fitting for whatever He may have for us to do!

We have been favored with the company of a number of dear Friends from other Yearly Meetings, whose presence and gospel labors have been comforting and refreshing to our spirits; and we trust that they may experience the fulness of that declaration that "they that water shall themselves be watered".

We feel sympathy with you in the varied trials that are met; but let not discouragement overcome you. Let our whole trust be in Him who never faileth those whose confidence is in Him who slumbereth not, nor sleeps.

With a salutation of Christian Love, we are your friends.

To Kansas Yearly Meeting of Friends:

Dear Friends:

Our hearts have been dipped into sympathy with you on the reading of your acceptable epistle.

We were forcibly reminded that there is that which is riches in poverty and a Help in the time of need.

We have nothing to boast of, but the same source of love and mercy is open to you and to us, the same gracious Lord is rich unto all that call upon Him in the time of trouble.

We can, in a measure, realize your sense of strippedness as you meet in a Yearly Meeting capacity for we too are few in numbers; but the company of truly dedicated ministers and of other exercised ones from distant places has refreshed our spirits and enabled us to take fresh courage and to press on to a higher mark and a deeper sense of the possibilities the Saviour of men has set open.

We may and do realize how far short we come in experiencing for ourselves the power of His redeeming grace, promised to be accessible to all at all times and for all occasions.

We have had to admire the goodness of our Heavenly Father in making a way in our hearts for the pure stream of Gospel truths to flow as it has been given to various messengers to hand forth in purity and power.

We would not have you unduly discouraged; but, feeling as we do for you in the fewness of your numbers, we have no suggestions to make - leaving all to Him who doeth all things well. Dear friends, remember "the foundation of God standeth sure having this seal, the Lord knoweth those that are His".

We cannot but see the clouds of dreadful probabilities in the horizon and, unless a hand mightier than ours is stretched out in mercy to stay the devourer, we will again have demonstrated the horrors of carnage. We have been roused by a stirring appeal to use our strongest efforts to block its progress and cry mightily, "Help, Lord, for vain is the help of man".

With a salutation of love, we remain your friends.

To London Yearly Meeting of Friends:

Dear Friends:

We have received and have read in our Yearly Meeting your greeting of love and encouragement contained in your letter and in your General Epistle of 1922; and we value the good-will and Christian Fellowship which they betoken. We recall also at this time with gratitude the helpful visits of some of your members amongst us during the past year.

We feel particularly the strength which we can receive from you across the water whose viewpoint of life can bring to us freshness of vision and the sense of world-wide unity in Christian love.

As in our meetings for worship our hearts are melted into one purpose and are brought into love and harmony, so, the world over, the hearts of men and of nations can be brought through the love of Christ into a unity of purpose that shall dissolve away selfish misunderstandings.

That way of life for humanity which we seek, clearly pointed out in your General Epistle, is indeed difficult of attainment and must depend upon the eager effort of Christian individuals through many generations. Shall we not, therefore, strive to keep our individual lives true and faithful in their minor problems that day by day there may be unfolded to us greater tasks of which we shall have become worthy.

May we also strive to keep vital the spiritual life of our religious Society, hoping that in its purity and sincerity of religious expression it may be helpful to many, now outside our limits, to whom mere religious traditions might be a stumbling-block; remembering in this connection that the principles rather than the forms of our rich heritage are the pure gold, and that Christ urged us not so much to form in His name an unchanging organization as simply that we should feed His sheep.

With very loving greetings, we are your friends.

To all those in Germany sharing the principles of Friends:
Dear Friends:

A letter from Stuttgart has been read before our Yearly Meeting, as well as many others from Friends in different countries and from widely scattered Meetings in our own country.

Our hearts have been much inspired and encouraged by the conviction that the Love of God which takes no account of National Boundaries has united us all in the one great common cause of His service.

Members from this Meeting have worked with the American Friends Service Committee in Poland, Germany and France; and the sufferings of the souls and bodies of the people of Europe have been much on our hearts.

We pray God that you and we may be helped by Him in our task of saving Europe and the rest of the world from the poison of hatred which is the fruit of past wars and the seed of new ones.

May we all never grow weary in our efforts toward cultivating that spirit of world-wide Brotherhood which our Saviour taught as the surest way toward the bringing of the Kingdom of God to earth.

To Philadelphia Yearly Meeting of Friends:
To Iowa Yearly Meeting of Friends:
To North Carolina Yearly Meeting of Friends:
To Ohio Yearly Meeting of Men and Women Friends:
To Western Yearly Meeting of Friends:
Dear Friends:

We faced our annual gathering this year in the expectation that there would be a small representation from our own membership and that few would be with us from a distance. But we have been encouraged and heartened by the fresh evidence of our Father's care over us since many Friends have come from other Meetings to lend us their comforting presence.

As we have sat together considering the problems which beset us, individually and as a Society, and as some of the needs of the world have been laid before us, we have thought again of the words of the prophet: "In returning and rest shall ye be saved; in quietness and confidence shall be your strength".

The blessings which have come to us from this communion of soul with soul and from the presence of God in our midst, we would gladly share with all the sin-weary world; and we feel a renewed call to spread abroad the message which has been given to us, in order that all men may come to know of the joy and comfort to be obtained through direct communication with the Heavenly Father. This fundamental part of our Friendly faith is what the world today needs and without it there can be no hope for mankind. "Where there is no vision, the people perish".

Does our Society realize the talents which have been given to its keeping, or will we hide them in the earth while we lament that we are weak and feeble? Surely, since twelve men from Palestine spread the teaching of Christ throughout the world we, humble followers in their steps, may take courage and strive on in our efforts to bring men closer to God.

We are busy these days in helping many great causes, but let us not forget that the greatest of them all is the spreading of the message of Christ Jesus. Let us, by our lives and by our prayers, strive to make known unto men this faith in the power of Love and of

Fellowship and of direct communion with our God. Then shall man, climbing slowly upward, come into that knowledge of Divine compassion which shall make of earth a safe abiding place and of Heaven a welcoming Home.

In a spirit of love, we remain your friends.

They were fully united with and the Clerk was authorized to make changes in wording which would not alter their meaning and requested to transcribe them in the Records, sign them on behalf of the Meeting, and send them to their several destinations.

It was concluded to refer to the Meeting for Sufferings the printing of the Minutes, together with the epistles received and addressed to this Meeting and the General Epistle sent out by this Meeting to Philadelphia, Iowa, North Carolina, Ohio and Western Yearly Meetings.

The question of sending fraternal delegates to the New England Yearly Meeting to be held at Providence, R. I., next week coming up for consideration, it was decided, inasmuch as there was not unity in the proposition, not to send delegates; but that individual members who may feel drawn to attend may be free to do so.

Charles Perry of Westerly, R. I., James W. Oliver of Sharon, Mass., Job S. Gidley of North Dartmouth, Mass., and Arthur Perry of Boston, Mass., are appointed correspondents of this Meeting for the ensuing year.

The report has come from Rhode Island Quarterly Meetimg that a concern had been laid before it that this Yearly Meeting might, if way opened, become a part of Philadelphia Yearly Meeting. The information came with no recommendation and it was decided not to consider the matter at this time.

The Clerk is directed to make all necessary extracts from the Minutes of this Meeting and to sign them on its behalf.

We desire to record again our sense of our Father's love and care in and through the presence and ministrations of dear Friends from other Yearly Meetings. Our hearts are filled with gratitude to Him for the manifestation of His love for us through them. We are also led to believe that we have at times been sensible of the living presence of the Holy Spirit in our hearts as from time to time the Meeting has settled in quietness. We have remembered that it is

the smooth unruffled surface of the mountain lake that most perfectly reflects the glory of the mountain peaks; and that so it may be that, in the quiet and stillness of our united concern and worship, we may see most clearly the likeness of our Divine Lord and Master and hear His voice.

Under this feeling we conclude, purposing to meet at this place at the usual time next year if consistent with the Divine Will.

William Perry
Clerk.

MINUTES OF THE SESSION OF 1924

At New England Yearly Meeting of Friends held at Westerly, Rhode Island, with public meetings for worship on First Day the Eighth of Sixth Month, 1924, and on Second Day the Ninth with those for discipline.

By accounts received from Rhode Island and Sandwich Quarterly Meetings, the representatives therein named to attend this Meeting are Anna H. Chace, Charles Perry, Eunice B. Nichols, Amos O. Foster, Anna A. Gardner, Hannah W. Webster, Lydia S. Perry, Henry C. Foster, William T. Oliver, Job S. Gidley, Mary J. Cope, Mary E. Foster, Elizabeth G. Wilbur, Horace B. Foster, Jesse R. Tucker and Elizabeth Foster, whose names being called, all are present but two for whose absence a satisfactory reason was given.

A summary of the Minutes of the Yearly Meeting held in Sixth Month 1923 was read.

Our dear friend, Thomas A. Crawford, a minister of Ohio Yearly Meeting is in attendance with a minute from Upper Springfield Monthly Meeting of Friends, held at Damascus, Ohio, Fourth Month 25th, 1924, endorsed by Salem Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Salem, Ohio, Fifth Month 10th, 1924. His presence and ministry in our midst have stirred us to fresh resolves for consecration and service. His wife, Sarah Crawford, present as his companion strengthens the feeling of unity and love which we extend to them in large measure. We acknowledge ourselves their debtors in Christian love and service. The Clerk is directed to furnish each of them with a copy of this minute signed on our behalf.

Our dear friend, Carl Patterson, a minister of Ohio Yearly Meeting is in attendance with a minute from Chesterfield Monthly Meeting of Friends held in joint session at Chesterhill, Ohio, Fifth Month 15th, 1924, endorsed by Pennsville Quarterly Meeting of Friends held in joint session at Chesterhill, Ohio, Fifth Month 22d, 1924. His company and ministry amongst us have been acceptable and helpful, as he has plead for a full surrender to the Divine Master. The Clerk is directed to furnish him with a copy of this minute signed on our behalf.

Our dear friend, William G. Steer, an Elder of Stillwater Monthly Meeting with the approval of the elders of that Meeting and with the full unity and concurrence of the committee appointed by Pennsville Quarterly Meeting, is in attendance as companion to Carl Patterson. We have felt in his sitting with us an overflowing of the spirit of worship as from vessel to vessel to the strengthening of our membership one with another. The Clerk is directed to furnish him with a copy of this minute signed on our behalf.

Our dear friend, Mary M. Smith, a minister of Ohio Yearly Meeting is in attendance with a minute from Fairhope Monthly Meeting held at Fairhope, Alabama, Fifth Month 14th, 1924, endorsed by Stillwater Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Stillwater, Ohio, Fifth Month 28th, 1924. Her company and message of gospel love have been acceptable and helpful. Elma Smith is also in attendance as companion to Mary M. Smith. Her presence in Christian love and fellowship has been comforting and acceptable to us. The Clerk is directed to furnish each of them with a copy of this minute.

Among other Friends in attendance without certificates are John E. Southall of Newport, Monmouthshire, England; L. Hollingsworth Wood of Mt. Kisco, N. Y., of New York Yearly Meeting; Jesse M. and Edith L. Otis with their son Carleton of Aurora, New York, of Scipio Quarterly Meeting (a Quarter of Canada Yearly Meeting); Frederick J. Libbey and Thomas C. Hoag of Philadelphia Yearly Meeting; and Isabelle Duguid of the Cambridge, Mass., group. We are freshly reminded of the Father's loving care in that so many from a distance have felt drawn to come and sit in worship with us. We are grateful for their helpful presence, and feel encouraged to "press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus".

Epistles addressed to this Meeting have been received and read from Iowa, Canada, London, Dublin, Western, North Carolina, Kansas, Ohio and Philadelphia Yearly Meetings and from Fritchley General Meeting of Fritchley, England; also a letter from Max I. Reich of Philadelphia.

From Iowa Yearly Meeting of Friends held at West Branch, Iowa, by adjournments from the 17th of 10th Mo. to the 22d of the same inclusive, 1923,

To New England Yearly Meeting:

No epistle from your Yearly Meeting to us having arrived, we feel to address you thus:

Dear Friends:

It is our desire and prayer that the grace of God the Father and his Son our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ may be multiplied unto you and us. The same grace that was sufficient for Paul in the buffetings of Satan as the thorn in the flesh, is sufficient for His church in this our day and generation as it was then; for, did he not say "My strength is made perfect in weakness?" Be strong therefore in the Lord; for in the power of His might He is able to build you up in the most holy faith once delivered to the saints.

The mystery of the seven stars which thou sawest in my right hand and the seven golden cnadlesticks: The seven stars are the angels of the seven churches and the seven candlesticks are the seven churches. If we are candlesticks unto the Lord bearing the light of the kingdom of Christ, we are to be golden, pure, undefiled by the world, the flesh and the Devil. "The spirit of man is the candle of the Lord."

In the glowing messages written to the churches of old, it was written, "I know thy works that thou art neither cold nor hot" and "Because thou art lukewarm and neither cold nor hot, I will spew thee out of my mouth".

Oh that a holy zeal may glow as a fire upon the altar of the heart, and we be enabled to turn a deaf ear to all the alluring voices here and there, which would lead away into darkness and doubt, away from the path of true rectitude. Wherefore beloved brethren everywhere, let us live up to the light of Divine Love.

Dear Friends, Farewell in the Lord.

Signed on behalf of the Meeting.

Wm. P. Young)
Alice S. Standing) Clerks.

Correspondents:

Howard T. Jones	West Branch, Iowa.
James E. Gooden	Dexter "
Joseph Henderson	Paullina "
John W. Mott	Springville "

From Canada Yearly Meeting of Friends held at Norwich, Ontario, by adjournments from the 22d of Sixth Month, 1923, to the 26th of the same inclusive.

To New England Yearly Meeting of Friends:

Dear Friends:

As the epistles from the Meetings in the circle of our correspondence have been read, we have experienced a renewed sense of the comfort and strength that come from knowing that others struggling with similar problems and laboring under similar difficulties as ourselves are bearing us on their hearts. Thus can we be truly one another's helpers, keeping alive an interest in one another and encouraging one another on our way to a better and more durable habitation.

Our Heavenly Father has "remembered us in our low estate" at this time and has sent among us faithful servants who, we believe, have been favored in "rightly dividing the Word of truth". Contriting seasons have been ours, when the dear Master Himself seemed hovering over us in love and mercy. Much solicitude has been felt for the tender lambs of the flock, that they may grow up "in the nurture and admonition of the Lord" and follow Him in all His leadings.

We have been reminded of the necessity and importance, in this age of allurements and "lo here's" and "lo there's", of individual faithfulness. If we seek earnestly, we shall know the will of God concerning us. We were also reminded with no uncertain sound of that "To him that knoweth to do good an d doeth it not, to him it is sin".

In conclusion, dear friends, our heart's desire is that our Lord grant you "according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with might by His spirit in the inner man; that Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye, being rooted and grounded in love, may be able to comprehend with all saints what is the length and depth and height, to know the love of Christ which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with the fulness of God".

With a salutation of tender love, we are your friends.

Signed by direction and on behalf of the Meeting.

Mordecai F. Starr)
Janet H. Pollard) Clerks.

Correspondents:
William V. Richardson Pickering,Ontario.
Albert Pollard Norwich, "

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21st July, 1923.

To New England Yearly Meeting.

Dear Friends:

London Yearly Meeting of 1923, whose Epistle we enclose, has been a memorable one to many.

We met at a time when so many among us were bound together by a common service to those in distress, that a sense of reality came in an unusual degree into the heart of our discussions.

The recent visit of many of our members to America and the presence of valued Friends from your country was a stimulus to our gatherings, and has kept before our minds the loving comradeship which has bound together Friends from our country and yours in service on the Continent of Europe.

We are grateful for the love and hope which have inspired your gifts of material help and personal devotion, and we are sure that their healing influence will be deep and enduring.

We have heard from time to time with thankfulness of various forward movements among you, particularly of the achievement of Prohibition, and of efforts towards world-wide disarmament.

These are great encouragements to us on this side, when the depression left by the war still clouds the nobler ambitions of both rulers and peoples, and obstructs the path of reform.

And yet, when "matched" with "such an hour" we can use thankfully the words of William James "It feels like a real fight, as if there were something really wild in the universe which we with all our idealities and faithfulnesses are needed to redeem; and first of all to redeem our own hearts from atheisms and fears".

Humbly we desire that an all conquering faith may reign in these hearts of ours, through the love of Him who is the only Saviour and Hope of the World.

On behalf of London Yearly Meeting.

Edw. S. Reynolds,
Clerk of the Meeting for Sufferings.

The Epistle from London Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends, held in London by adjournments from the 23d to 30th of Fifth Month, 1923.

To Friends Everywhere.

Dear Friends:

We ask you to turn with us to the presence of God, the great reality. To turn to Him not once only, but as the plant to the sun, day by day, and all the day, so that the joy of His presence may fill our lives, and His light transform them. Such conversion of spirit must mean a constant reawakening to fuller understanding of the

realities of life, and a fresh "beholding our God". For to behold God in Jesus Christ is to know that life is not a chaos; it is to hold the key that unlocks life's secrets, secrets of sin and depression, of weariness and uncertainty, and secrets, too, of a power and reality that are "wordless unto men".

From a German MS of the 14 century.

The message has come to us with compelling force that God revealed in Jesus Christ is the answer to all our difficulties. Christ's cross is the supreme expression of His loyalty to the will of God. He is the centre through whom the love of God throbs and pulses, from whom radiates the inexhaustible fulness of forgiveness and healing. We all need a clearer sense of what it is to lie open to God's hand, and to be vibrant to His touch, of what it is to attain that harmony of consecration, that unity of personality, which are the means He uses for His work in the world. We are convinced that this is a possible experience for each one of us; and that it is as the power and joy of the presence of God shine through us that the Divine energy can be transmitted to others. Though sorrow may hide the light, the glow of love comes through the shadow. Our best words are not good enough - they need to be touched by the life that is deeper than words. When a man is bowed under a great sorrow, and it seems as though no words can help him, it may be just the touch of a friend's hand which brings him the sense of a love that cannot be translated into speech. The great word of God is a life, a man, Christ Jesus, the central presence of the Church and of humanity, through whom God still speaks to each of us in that language which all races and peoples can read, and which every heart can know. It is the work of every one of us to translate something of that immeasurable word into the life of today.

v. "The Harp of Truth". W. C. Braithwaite.

Let us take courage, and in the mighty power of God, go on. Let us be true. Let us leave no obstacle in our lives over which others may stumble and fall. Let us strive to remove from our social and national life the institutions and customs which keep men fettered who should be free. But we cannot go forward "discipling men", as George Fox wrote, except insofar as we are ourselves in touch with the real springs of life. To go to the unemployed, the oppressed and the down trodden with words only, is not to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ - which is the good news of the power of love to make life possible.

Many people are beginning to see that it is practical politics to meet the criminal, the prostitute or the drunkard with understanding rather than with repression. We believe in the way of Jesus, not because we shut our eyes to the stern facts of life, but just because we know that in the darkest places and in the hardest enigmas the father heart of love is the great reality.

The practice of our faith means a great hearted giving and receiving; in the family of God all have their part to play from the oldest to the youngest. We must freely share our lives - the best in them, our homes, our leisure, our joys, our thoughts and our experience, in the ministry both of every day life and of the word. Herein lies our message and our mission, a liberating word and a creative act, a teaching and a service.

Thus those of you who are kept by age or sickness from more active work, who are living retired lives, may, in your very separation, have the opportunity of liberating power for others. Your prayers and thoughts go out further than you think, and as you wait in patience and in communion with God, you may be made ministers of peace and healing and be kept young in soul. If we will give Him our youth we may keep it to the end of life. God given youth is ever moving forward, striving, expectant, joyful. But if our souls sleep, the shackles are fastened upon us, and when we would offer help

we have only words. We must seek for that balance which is essential to all true life, the balance between activity and communion, between the individual and society. If we keep the balance true between the claims upon us and weigh them in His presence, God will surely make us messengers who will go forth from waiting upon Him with some gleam of His glory about us. Let us thank God we are not alone, we are a fellowship, knit together as comrades, and linked as fellow disciples of one Master.

Now amid our weakness and the world's great need, we praise God for the opportunities He has given us and the service He has set before us. As we have come into sympathy with men and women in circumstances of oppression and imprisonment, of differing nationalities and ways of life and thought, we have gained a glimpse of God at work, uniting, comforting and raising up hope in men's hearts. An illustration of this came to us early in our Yearly Meeting. We had been brought into deep sympathy with our Irish Friends in their difficulties, and our faith leapt up as we listened to the story of opposing Free State and Republican soldiers having a friendly meal together in a Quaker home. The way of Jesus, the way of goodwill, is more potent than we imagine. Human society, the sundered nations, the separated groups and classes of the human family are waiting for the gospel of reconciliation which He came to give, and which His living spirit is even now bringing day by day into men's lives. Our Master is here with us and calls us to His joyful service, the service of all our fellow men.

"In the mighty power of God go on, preaching the Gospel to every creature, and discipling them in the Name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit".

Selections from the Epistles of George Fox, Nos. 114 & 115.

Signed in and on behalf of London Yearly Meeting

John H. Barlow,
Clerk this time.

From Dublin Yearly Meeting held in Belfast from the 3d to the 8th of Fifth Month, 1923.

To New England Yearly Meeting:

Dear Friends:

We thank you for your Epistle with its message of love and sympathy.

As we gather again in Belfast in Yearly Meeting, our minds review the fifteen years since we last met outside Dublin. They have been momentous, soul-stirring years and we can record with deep thankfulness the goodness of God through them all. Beyond the clouds we have seen His face; in the darkness and difficulty of the way we have felt His guiding hand; and we believe that our trials have drawn us closer to one another and to Him.

During the past twelve months most of our Friends have known anxiety and fear, when life and property have been in danger; and one of our members was fatally wounded on his own avenue. While deploring such terrible events, we feel encouraged when we think of the calmness of many - our own members included - as they have gone about their regular daily duties in the face of so many disturbing influences. We believe it is largely due to such bravery that our country has been saved from complete anarchy. Through all we have been conscious of the protecting and sustaining power of our Heavenly Father and to Him be all the praise.

In Ulster a seeking spirit has come over many districts and a revival of religious life is very apparent and has touched some of our meetings, as well as those of other denominations. We hope it may soon spread right through the country. Many are ready for just such a spiritual message as we should be able to give. It is therefore urgent that we should understand the grounds of our belief and be ready to present the teaching of Jesus Christ in a way that will help their needs.

Brookfield Agricultural School, at Moira, was founded some eighty-five years ago to provide a good education for children connected, but not in membership, with Friends. This special need having now ceased, it has been decided to concentrate effort, and therefore Brookfield has been given up and the property is being sold. This now leaves two schools in Ireland, one at Lisburn, in Ulster, and the other at Waterford, in Munster.

Newtown School, Waterford, has been carried on under the greatest difficulties; many children not being able to get to school and others unable to go home for their holidays. During the summer vacation the buildings were occupied by troops for some weeks and for months past the constant firing has been a source of anxiety to those in charge of a community of young people who do not always realize the danger or the need for care.

As the area comprising the Yearly Meeting now falls under two separate Governments, it is natural that Friends should have divergent interests; but on the other hand, we are finding more and more points of agreement and mutual understanding and are gaining in unity.

The Yearly Meeting has sent addresses of welcome, on their assumption of office, to the Governors-General of the Northern Government and the Irish Free State.

Three members of the Society of Friends, in the Southern provinces, belong to the Senate of the Irish Free State, one being Vice-Chairman.

New governments give new opportunities for social progress and those of us who live in Northern Ireland are greatly interested in the proposed Temperance legislation and are working with renewed hope that some solution may be found for the terrible drink evil. Education also bulks very largely in the programme of the Northern Government and Friends are following the Bill at present before the House of Commons with the greatest interest. We believe that we may be able to share in the increased advantages without sacrificing individuality.

Praying that in all your gatherings you may experience the Divine presence and help, we remain, with love

Your Friends.

Signed on behalf of Dublin Yearly Meeting.

Thomas W. Bewley,

Clerk.

From Western Yearly Meeting of Friends held at Sugar Grove, near Plainfield, Ind., from the 31st of Eighth Month to the 5th of Ninth Month inclusive, 1923.

To New England Yearly Meeting of Friends.

Dear Friends:

As the time drew near for our annual gathering, the cloud of discouragement seemed very dark. We almost feared lest the cause of Zion might fail.

We were mistaken, our faith has been strengthened, God's promise to meet with the two or three who will gather in His name has been fulfilled. He has sent His message unto us. The call has been given: "Now is the accepted time" - "Today if ye will hear my voice, harden not your hearts".

It is the enemy of our soul's peace which would make us afraid of our duty, or have us believe that we are forgotten of God, because we are few in number. Our Leader would have us strive on and be not dismayed. Christ said "Be of good courage, I have overcome the world".

It matters not where we are or what we are so we be His obedient servants. They are happy who have wide fields of service and great power to labor for Him. Yet they, too, are blest who wait upon Him in some lowly, humble service of love.

The Prophet Isaiah declared "And the work of righteousness shall be peace and the effect of righteousness quietness and assurance forever."

The epistles from the Yearly Meetings with which we correspond have all been received and we felt them to contain that water that refreshens thirsty souls. This is another blessing for which we are thankful, and can say in all humility - "Bless the Lord, Oh my soul, and all that is within me, Bless His holy Name."

With a salutation of love, we are your friends.

Signed on behalf of the Meeting.

Arthur W. Stanley)
Annah S. Harvey) Clerks.

From North Carolina Yearly Meeting of Friends, held at Cedar Grove in the town of Woodland, North Carolina, by adjournments from the 17th of the eleventh month to the twenty-first of the same inclusive, 1923.

To New England Yearly Meeting of Friends.

Dear Friends:

We have received and read your loving epistle, together with those from other Yearly Meetings with which we correspond.

These encouraging messages, and the tender counsel and advice given us by the Lord's servants whom He in His infinite mercy has sent among us at this time, have feelingly reminded us that we are not forgotten by our kind Heavenly Father.

Many of us have been blessed from time to time during our Yearly Meeting so that we have felt that our cup runneth over.

We feel to encourage you, dear Friends, with ourselves to the faithful performance of every duty by which we grow stronger and stronger; but if we fail in this we are weakened thereby.

Oh that we might all be able to exclaim with the Psalmist, "Lord thou hast been our dwelling place in all generations". We realize that of ourselves we can do nothing and that it is only as we are led by the Holy Spirit and keep an eye fixed on the great Head of the Church who is the Author of the saints' faith and whose promises are true, that we can accomplish any good.

How our prayers go out for the unsaved who are trampling the mercies of God under foot, that they may come into obedience to the spirit of Christ which will lead into all truth.

We desire with you, dear Friends, that we may all keep close to our blessed Saviour and seek His guidance in all things, and that we may lay up treasures in heaven where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt.

Our hearts are filled with thankfulness for the sweet remembrance of our Saviour whose spirit we have felt to be with us during our Yearly Meeting from day to day to our encouragement.

We feel that we need the prayers of the Lord's people, that we may keep very humble before our Redeemer so that we may be led in the way of life everlasting, into a life of self denial in order that we may enjoy the peace and rest which cometh alone from God.

We are reminded of the passage of Scripture "Come unto Me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me, for I am meek and lowly in heart; and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light".

Finally, dear Friends, may we all grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, and at last be prepared to hear His welcome words: "Well done, enter thou into the joy of thy Lord".

In love, we are your friends.

Signed by direction and on behalf of the Meeting.

Anderson M. Barker)
Mary J. Peele) Clerks.

Correspondents:
Wm. T. Brown, George, N. C.
John G. Peele, Rich Square, N. C.
Harvey Newlin, Saxapahaw, N. C.

From Kansas Yearly Meeting of Friends held at Emporia, Kansas, from the 27th of the Tenth Month to the 31st of the same inclusive, 1923.

To New England Yearly Meeting of Friends.

Dear Friends:

We are now gathered together for the holding of another Yearly Meeting. We came very poor in spirit and we trust that there was a true hungering and thirst after righteousness. We are truly thankful that He has fulfilled the promise that those who hunger and thirst after righteousness shall be filled. As we convened from day to day and have endeavored to bring our tithes into His storehouse, He has been pleased to pour out His blessings upon us to the rejoicing of many hearts. We trust that we have been able to take up stones of memorial as from the bottom of Jordan.

We have with us the company of some dear friends from two of the Yearly Meetings with which we correspond to whom a door of utterance has been given to proclaim the unsearchable riches of Christ.

We received epistles from all the Yearly Meetings with whom we correspond, the reading of which has been very acceptable to us. We trust that the loving counsel and words of sympathy they contained may be treasured up by us and that the bonds of true fellowship may be strengthened between us. As we have dwelt under the canopy of His love and have transacted the business that has come before us, we have felt that we have a precious heritage given us. May none of us through unfaithfulness sell our birthright. We have been reminded that God only requires each one of us to do our duty, that He holds none of us responsible for the failures of others, and though our numbers may be few those that do His will will receive their reward.

The Apostle John said that truly our fellowship is with the Father and with His Son Jesus Christ. If this fellowship with the Father and Son be ours, it makes our associations one with another very pleasant, and enables us to keep the unity of the spirit in the bond of peace, and we will feel like the apostle, that whether we live or whether we die we are the Lord's.

With a salutation of love, we remain your friends.

Signed by direction of the Meeting.

Elizabeth B. Hinshaw)
Samantha J. Osborn) Clerks.

Correspondents:
Ai Chamness, Emporia, Kansas.
Delphina Carter, Galena, Kansas, R.R.

From Ohio Yearly Meeting of Friends held at Stillwater, near Barnesville, Ohio, by adjournments from the 8th of Ninth Month to the 13th of the same inclusive, 1923.

To New England Yearly Meeting of Friends held at Westerly, R.I.

Dear Friends:

The reading of epistles from Yearly Meetings with which we correspond has anew strengthened a feeling of unity in spirit with those of our Faith. Though widely separated and most of your faces we have never seen, yet our hearts throb as one in Christ.

Our first gathering was opened by the deeply exercised in fervent supplications, which spread a precious solemnity over all. Their petitions have been largely granted and we favored to transact business with that condescension wherein each esteems other better than himself.

We were reminded how, from year to year, the tribes of Israel went up to worship at Jerusalem; that the devout of all ages have held their annual gatherings. It matters not so much where these may be, but it is of vast import that each individual should strive toward attaining that stillness of all flesh, wherein the living Truth is felt, even as expressed in the prayer of our Lord, "This is life eternal, that they might know thee, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom thou hast sent", which gives the blessing of perfect calm to the soul.

We feel an ardent desire that all who bear the name of Friends may adorn the doctrine which we profess and become silent "Preachers of righteousness" by our daily walk among men, in whatsoever way we are brought into contact with our fellow pilgrims, observing scrupulous rectitude in our smallest transactions and such an innate regard for justice as will command the esteem of those outside of our Society. Then shall we be as "living epistles, known and read of all men", to the praise of Him who created us and has called us unto His eternal glory by Christ, to whom be dominion forevermore.

We tenderly entreat you not to let the fewness of your numbers depress your spirits. Remember what an eminent statesman said, "One example is better than a thousand arguments". Ever be on the alert to stand by the fundamentals of our faith, firm as the granite on the beautiful Green Mountains; then each one of you shall become as a thousand.

Now, as kindred in the love of Jesus, farewell.

Signed by direction and on behalf of the Meeting.

Carl Patterson)
Eliza H. McGrew) Clerks.

Correspondents:

James Walton	Barnesville,	Ohio
Jonathan Binns	Adena	"
W. L. Ashton	Flushing	"

The Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends for Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Delaware and Parts of Maryland,
held at Fourth and Arch Streets, Philadelphia, Pa.
4th Mo. 4th, 1924.

To all who bear the name of Friend.

Greeting:

Assembled in our Yearly Meeting we feel our hearts drawn out in tender affection towards all bearing the name of Friend throughout the world. We salute you as sharers with us in a common heritage of faith and hope and love.

Friends have become an international society since the life and labors of that man of God, George Fox, the three hundredth anniversary of whose birth we commemorate this year. With other Friends we are considering afresh the great message of the first Quaker, and its modern implications.

Life is evidenced by growth and

"Still the new transcends the old,
In sign and token manifold",

"Every scribe", however, "who hath been made a disciple to the Kingdom of Heaven ** bringeth forth out of his treasure things new and old". As of old, "The Church's one foundation is Jesus Christ, her Lord". "Other foundation can no man lay". In the light of the glory of our Divine Lord, our self-sufficiency shrivels up, and with the early Friends we are compelled to confess, "We are nothing, Christ is all". It is He alone who can meet the needs of this twentieth century.

"The world sits at the feet of Christ,
Unknowing, blind, and unconsoled;
It yet shall touch His garment's fold,
And feel the heavenly Alchemist
Transform its very dust to gold."

We have heard in this Yearly Meeting the call to dedicate ourselves unreservedly to "indomitable love and unwearied service". To save the nations we must have a saving message for individuals. The gospel of the spoken word is needed, but the ministry of divinely ordered lives speaks loudest. The whole world needs friends. To be friends, first of Christ and then of our fellow men, is our high calling. We have been stirred by accounts of work being done by Friends in all parts of the world to bring light into dark places, to conquer hate with love, to overcome evil with good, in order that the love of Christ might reach the hearts of men.

As we face this task of bringing the world to Christ, we need one another. The Society of Friends has not escaped divisions, but we are thankful that the call of the Prince of Peace to the service of humanity in these years of distress, has drawn closer together its scattered fragments, and we long that the unity of spirit thus realized may not be lost, but that it may steadily increase. Enduring unity is founded on love, the love that never fails, changeless and eternal. In this love let us trust "the Power of God in one another" that together we may enter into the fellowship of Christ's sufferings for the world today, and receive power to conquer evil and to realize His vision of a family of God on earth.

May we awake to our great opportunity before it is too late and dedicate ourselves to the Lord who is ready to lead us forward into new conquests and achievements.

On behalf and by direction of Philadelphia Yearly Meeting of Friends.

John D. Carter)
Anna Rhoads Ladd) Clerks.

Wm. B. Harvey,
Correspondent.

From the General Meeting of Friends held at Fritchley, Derbyshire, England, to the Meetings of Friends in America with which we correspond and to sincere Friends everywhere.

Beloved Friends:

Met again as a General Meeting, we salute you as fellow members of the same household of faith in a measure of the love and fellowship of the gospel, desiring for you, as for ourselves, continued preservation on the one true foundation. This foundation, we are assured, is no other than Jesus Christ, inwardly revealed by his Spirit as "Christ in" us "the hope of glory", and as "God manifest in flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen of angels, believed on in the world, received up into glory". His declarations to the Jews, "No man can come to Me except the Father which hath sent Me draw him" and "No man knoweth the Son but the Father; neither knoweth any man the Father but the Son and he to whomsoever the Son will reveal Him", we believe to be fundamental and unchangeable conditions of all true Christian experience and that through the universal love of God something of this divine and spiritual revelation is vouchsafed to all men, agreeably with the Scripture declaration "But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man, to profit withal". (I Cor. 12:7) This inward and immediate revelation of the divine will is that holy principle or spiritual seed, implanted in man for his redemption from the first fallen nature, by which the righteous in every age have been guided, even that divine faith which the just have ever lived by, and which the apostle so well describes as "the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen" through which the elders obtained a good report, and the "great cloud of witnesses" triumphed and overcame.

In recording the deeds of patient endurance wrought by those bygone worthies who, in the midst of an ungodly world and exposed to bitter persecution and cruel suffering, bore a faithful witness for God in their day, the apostle makes it an incentive to the Christians of his day and surely it should be so in a greater degree to us, with our added responsibility, "to lay aside every weight and the sin which doth so easily beset, and run with patience the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith". Many are the stratagems of the adversary of souls to beguile and lead astray the unwatchful; and so Paul, who was not ignorant of his devices, warned the Corinthians. "But I fear lest by any means, as the serpent beguiled Eve through his subtlety, so your minds should be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ", and to the Church at Colosse he wrote, "Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the traditions of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ". Paul, we know, had all the advantages of a liberal education - as such was regarded amongst the Jews - and was for a time exceedingly zealous for the faith in which he had been brought up, persecuting the Christians even unto death.

But he was met with in a narrow place and by a wonderful divine interposition was changed from a self-righteous persecutor to a humble and devoted follower of the despised Nazarene, and a preacher of the faith which once he destroyed. Then, in his religious experience, "old things passed away, all things became new". His spiritual eyes were opened, a new creation rose up before him, and he could in truth say, "Whereas I was blind, now I see". The things which, as a Jew he had valued, he now in nowise regarded, so that he could declare in those ever memorable words, "But what things were gain to me, those I counted loss for Christ. Yea, doubtless, and I count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus, my Lord; for whom I have suffered the loss of all things and do count them but as refuse, that I may win Christ, and be found in Him, not having mine own righteousness, which is the law, but that which is through the faith of Christ, the righteousness which is of God by faith". The benign religion of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ is of universal application, adapted to the spiritual needs of all, especially "of the ignorant and those who are out of the way". "I came not", said its divine founder "to call the righteous but sinners to repentance". As it consists in obedience to an inward principle of righteousness, common to all, though so much neglected, its benefits are not dependent upon any professional priesthood or ministry, or on sacerdotal observances, but are free to all who rightly seek them. The hungry and thirsty, the weary and heavy laden, the poor in spirit are especially invited to come and find rest and refreshment to their souls. "If any man thirst" Jesus cried, "let him come unto me and drink". None are excluded, learned or unlearned, high or low, rich or poor, "Whosoever will, let him come and partake of the water of life freely". But to be effectual, it must be a true spiritual experience, not merely an intellectual conception, not a mere imputed benefit, but an actual and present one. Our predecessors of the 17th century were a seeking people. They wanted Christ, as the Physician of value to heal their spiritual maladies, as the Good Shepherd to care for and feed them, as their Spiritual High Priest, Prophet and King to minister to and rule over them. They had long vainly sought for Him amongst the religious professors of their day, but at length God, in His infinite love, was pleased to visit them - to quote Wm. Penn's words: "with a most sure and certain sound of the Word of light and life, through the testimony of a chosen vessel, to an effectual and blessed purpose, can many thousands say, Glory be to the name of the Lord forever. For as it reached the conscience, and broke the heart, and brought many to a sense and search, so what people had been vainly seeking without, with much pains and cost, they by this ministry found within". Of the character of this chosen instrument, our worthy elder, George Fox, and his ministry, Wm. Penn, who was a scholar, as well as a statesman, thus writes:

"He was a man whom God endued with a clear and wonderful depth, a discerner of others' spirits and very much a master of his own, and though the side of his understanding which lay next to the world, and especially the expression of it, might sound uncouth and unfashionable to nice ears, his matter was nevertheless very profound, and would not only bear to be often considered, but the more it was so, the more weighty and instructive it appeared. And, as abruptly and brokenly as, sometimes, his sentences would fall from him about divine things, it is well-known they were often as texts to many fairer declarations. And indeed it showed beyond all contradiction that God sent him, that no arts or parts had any share in the matter or manner of his ministry; and that so many great, excellent and necessary truths as he came forth to preach to mankind had therefore nothing of man's wit or wisdom to recommend them; so that, as to man he was an original, being no man's copy. His ministry and writings show that they are from one that was not taught of man nor had learned what he said by study; nor were they notional or speculative, but sensible and practical truths, tending to conversion and regeneration and the setting up the kingdom of God in the hearts of men; and the way of it was his work, so that I have many times been overcome in myself and been made to say with my Lord and Master upon the like occasion, 'I thank thee, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that Thou hast hid these things from the wise and prudent of this world, and hast revealed them to babes'. Many times hath my soul bowed in humble thankfulness to the Lord that he did not choose any of the wise and learned of this world to be the first messenger,

in our age, of His blessed truth to men, but that He took one that was not of high degree, or elegant speech, or learned after the way of this world, that His message and work He sent him to proclaim and do, might come with less suspicion or jealousy of human wisdom and interest, and with more force and clearness upon the conscience of those who sincerely sought the way of truth in the love of it. I say, beholding with the eye of my mind which the God of heaven had opened in me, the marks of God's finger and hand visibly in this testimony, from the clearness of the principle, and the power and efficacy of it in the exemplary sobriety, plainness, zeal, steadiness, humility, gravity, punctuality, charity, and circumspect care in the government of Church affairs which shined in his and their life and testimony that God employed in this work, it greatly confirmed me that it was of God, and engaged my soul in a deep love, fear, reverence and thankfulness for his love and mercy therein to mankind, in which mind I remain, and shall, I hope, to the end of my days".

Such is Wm. Penn's testimony respecting his dear departed friend and father in the truth, surely a beautiful memorial to George Fox's Christian character and sterling worth and his service in the Church. It also testifies to Wm. Penn's own noble and generous character. And now in this the 300th anniversary of George Fox's birth we surely can pay no greater tribute to his memory than by endeavouring to follow him as he followed Christ, by steadfastly and consistently maintaining in their purity and simplicity those enlightened spiritual views of the gospel dispensation which, in the divine hand, he was made the honoured instrument of reviving, after the long night of apostacy, the darkness of which had been but partially dispelled, and afresh promulgating to the world.

Sensible of our fewness and weakness, of our limitations and short comings, as, if honest with ourselves, we must necessarily be, and conscious too in some measure of the strength of the powers of darkness which seem, these late years, to have been let loose upon the world, let us not, beloved Friends, be unduly discouraged but hold fast our profession, remembering the comforting assurance of the prophet of old to his servant, "Fear not, for they that be with us are more than they that be with them". He who was with the fathers will be with the children, if we keep with Him.

Your acceptable and instructive epistle was read amongst us at our General Meeting in 10th Month last to our comfort and encouragement, and with the renewed salutations of our love, we remain

Your Friends.

Signed in and on behalf of Fritchley General Meeting of Friends held at Fritchley, England, the 14th and 15th of 5th Month, 1924.

Edward Watkins,
Clerk.

302 Arch Street,
Philadelphia, Penna.
5 - 29 - '24.

Arthur Perry, Clerk,
New England Yearly Meeting of Friends.

Dear friend:

My mind has been drawn out in great tenderness and love towards your approaching annual gathering and the thought has arisen that I might perhaps be permitted to attend it. At the present moment, however, my outward circumstances appear such that it seems doubtful whether I can get away from here.

I desire for Friends of New England a fresh evidence of the reality of the Presence of Him who as He is the Centre and Sun of the bright spirits who surround Him in the glory - the slain but enthroned Lamb - can also be "the glory in the midst" of the few or many gathered in His Name on earth.

May the gifts of the risen Christ be plentifully bestowed upon you! May the younger members be mightily enriched in their spiritual experience; may all, through a deeper repentance and clearer faith and fuller surrender, enter into a closer covenant of life with the Lord, our God and

Saviour! This is no time for trifling. The call of God is for men and women, young men and maidens, whose dedication is complete; who, receiving the gift of the Kingdom as a little child, are prepared to take up the task of the Kingdom in the power of God..

Feeling my heart drawn out to you in great nearness of love and fellowship in Christ Jesus, I remain,

Thy friend, in the everlasting Gospel,

Max I. Reich.

These communications coming from bodies of Friends widely separated in distance but closely united in purpose and faith have strengthened the tie that binds us together, and have encouraged us to persevere in our testimony as to the true nature of ministry and worship and in the other testimonies which have marked the Religious Society of Friends. At the same time we have been brought under a sense of our short comings in meeting the requirements and realizing the ideals of our high calling.

We appoint Phebe F. Perry, Henry H. Perry, Hannah Webster, Lydia S. Perry, Mary E. Foster, Henry C. Foster, Anna A. Gardner, Eunice B. Clark, William T. Oliver, Thomas Perry and Mary Anna Oliver to prepare, as way opens for it, epistles or a general epistle in reply to some or all of the communications which have been received.

The Clerk reported that there was on the table an epistle from New York Yearly Meeting and a special committee consisting of Job S. Gidley, Charles Perry, Emma Foster Perry, James W. Oliver and Horace B. Foster was appointed - to whom it was referred for consideration and report at a future sitting.

We appoint Elizabeth Foster, Eunice B. Clark, Amos O. Foster, James W. Oliver and Jesse R. Tucker to prepare a summary of the answers to queries and to present it at the sitting this afternoon.

We appoint Amos O. Foster and Jesse R. Tucker to examine the accounts of the Treasurer of this Meeting and to propose the name of a Friend for Treasurer for the ensuing year and to present their report at a future sitting.

The representatives are requested to meet at the close of this sitting and propose the name of a Friend for Clerk and the name of another Friend for Assistant Clerk and to report at the opening of the Meeting this afternoon.

Adjourned to 3:30 o'clock this afternoon.

Second Day afternoon Friends again assembled at about the hour adjourned to. Names of the representatives being called, they are present with the exception of two - as at our morning session.

Horace B. Foster, on behalf of the representatives, reports that they were united in proposing the name of Arthur Perry for Clerk and Emma T. Oliver for Assistant Clerk. Their names being separately considered, the proposition was united with and they are appointed to those services for the ensuing year or until others are appointed in their places.

The committee appointed at our morning sitting report that they have read the epistle received from New York Yearly Meeting and recommend that it be read in this Meeting. The epistle was read to our satisfaction and was referred, with deep appreciation of its message of Christian love, to the Epistle Committee.

From New York Yearly Meeting of Friends held at 144 East 20th Street, New York, Fifth Month, 26th to 30th, 1924.

To New England Yearly Meeting gathering at Westerly, Rhode Island, Sixth Month, 1924.

Dear Friends:

We send you by the hand of our Assistant Clerk a message of love.

As we have listened to an epistle from Philadelphia Yearly Meeting, we have rejoiced that the spirit was working out in us a drawing together for service in the name of our Master, and we have been thankful for your faithful testimony to the fundamental importance of that religious experience which is inward before we can hope to be of service in any outward expression.

In the common bond of the love of Him who said: "Ye are my friends if ye do whatsoever I command you", we are

Your friends,

On behalf of the Meeting,

James Wood,

Clerk.

The Queries were read at this time with answers thereto from Rhode Island and Sandwich Quarterly Meetings, together with a summary prepared by the Committee appointed at our first sitting which is thought to describe our present state, and the Clerk is directed to record the same.

Summary Answers.

Answer I: All our religious meetings for worship and discipline have been held except four which were omitted on account of storms. They are attended by most of our members who are able to do so. The hour for gathering is nearly observed. Friends are mostly clear of all unbecoming behavior therein.

Answer II: Love and unity are maintained in a good degree. No differences have arisen to our knowledge.

Answer III: Friends are concerned to uphold our testimony to a waiting spiritual worship and to a free gospel ministry exercised under the immediate authority and anointing of the Holy Spirit.

Answer IV: Friends are concerned to bring up those under their care in plainness of speech, deportment and apparel. They guard against pernicious reading and all harmful influences, and endeavor to be good examples herein themselves. It is felt that more care should be given to the use of the plain language. The Holy Scriptures are read each day collectively in some of our families, and we would encourage their more frequent reading by all.

Answer V: Friends discourage the manufacture, sale and use of intoxicants. Not clear of harmful diversions. Are careful to keep in simplicity on all occasions.

Answer VI: Some pecuniary aid has been extended. All of our children have sufficient education to fit them for the duties of life. All of our children are under the care of Friends.

Answer VII: Friends endeavor to maintain their testimony in the several parts of this query.

Answer VIII: Friends, we believe, are careful to live within the bounds of their circumstances and to keep to moderation in their trade or business. They try to be punctual to their promises and honest in all their dealings.

Answer IX: Friends are concerned to instruct the youth under their care in Friends' principles, and to guard all against unsuitable marriages. All marriages, births, deaths and burials have been recorded. There have been no removals without certificates.

Answer X: We believe a care rests with Friends to deal with offenders when necessary as the discipline requires. There has been no dealing or placing of judgment since our last account.

The consideration of the queries and answers brought again to mind the high standards of life and religious profession set by our Society in its discipline, and an appreciation of how far short we come of realizing them. The answers showed some evidence, however, of a desire and purpose to come more closely to the ideals set before us. Especial emphasis was placed upon the importance of daily reading of the Holy Scriptures in our families and of regular attendance upon all of our Meetings.

The report of the Prison Committee was read:

The Prison Committee is sorry to report that it has not seemed possible to carry on any work during the past year. We feel satisfied that there is great need for reform in the prison systems of both Massachusetts and Rhode Island; but the subject is a complicated one which calls for prolonged and careful study. While each of us feels a measure of concern, not any one of us is at liberty to devote sufficient time for a thorough understanding of the subject.

Moreover, the work is necessarily political in character and the fact that our membership is divided between two States makes cooperation more difficult.

Since the Committee is unable to do any efficient work we ask, with sincere regret, to be released.

Signed in behalf of the Prison Committee,

Elizabeth M. Chace, Chairman.

Sixth Month 9th, 1924.

It was concluded to accept its recommendation that, in view of the fact that it has not seemed possible for it to function satisfactorily, due to the peculiar conditions of its work lying in two States and the wide separation in point of distance of its members, it be released from further service. It was thought that questions of reform and betterment of prison conditions might well be brought by individual members of this Meeting to the attention of the Meeting for Sufferings, which meets regularly and is the ad interim representative body of the Yearly Meeting.

The records of the Meeting for Sufferings were read and approved; and it was concluded to reappoint James H. Tucker, Jesse R. Tucker, Amos O. Foster, Anna H. Chace, Charles Perry, Job S. Gidley, Elizabeth G. Wilbur, Eunice B. Nichols, Isabel L. Gifford, Arthur Perry, Lucy W. Foster, Horace B. Foster, James W. Oliver, Mary C. Foster, Mary Anna Oliver, Anna A. Gardner, Thomas Perry, Eunice B. Clark, Elizabeth P. Nichols, Harvey C. Perry, Henry H. Perry, William T. Oliver, Emma T. Oliver, Mary J. Cope and Mary E. Foster, and to appoint Elizabeth M. Chace, Phebe F. Perry and Henry C. Foster to constitute the Meeting for Sufferings for the ensuing year, its first sitting to be held on Fourth Day, Sixth Month, Eleventh, following the rise of the Yearly Meeting.

Adjourned to Third Day afternoon at 3:00 o'clock.

Third Day afternoon, the 10th instant, at about the hour adjourned to Friends again assembled. The names of the representatives being called, they were present with the exception of three - for two of whom satisfactory excuses were made.

The Committee appointed to examine the accounts of the Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting report that they have attended to that service and that they have found vouchers for all expenditures and that the accounts have been accurately kept. The cash balance on hand to the credit of the Meeting is $1,421.69. The Committee is united in proposing the name of Harvey C. Perry for Treasurer. The report is satisfactory and he is appointed Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting for the ensuing year.

The Peace Committee presented its report which was satisfactory, and the Clerk is requested to record the same.

Report of the Peace Committee, 1924.

The work of the Committee since the last report has been largely in cooperation with the National Council for the Prevention of War - particularly in the observance of "Law - not War" day.

In Westerly the Committee obtained the cooperation of a Committee of nine citizens not Friends in spreading the slogan Law - not War. The Committee also gained the services of the local newspaper which printed daily for a week articles and large typed notices submitted by the Committee.

In Westerly, Centerville, Sharon, Boston and Nahant Friends were active in the placing of posters in store windows, public buildings, trolley cars and on the highway. A few business houses agreed to use the stickers on their regular business mail for several days.

John Fletcher of England spoke at a meeting in Westerly arranged by the Committee at which a number of people not Friends were present. At Centerville a meeting was addressed by Anna B. Thomas of Baltimore.

At Sharon a member of the Committee enclosed Prevention of War literature in comfort bags sent to sailors.

A telegram was sent by the Committee to President Harding stating that fifty Westerly citizens had endorsed by their signatures the objects of the Law not War Campaign. The monthly meeting at Centerville sent a telegram to President Coolidge urging a veto of the Japanese exclusion legislation, and similar telegrams were sent individually by members of the Meeting. The Committee sent a telegram and petition to Senator Pepper's sub-committee urging participation in the World Court with the Hughes' reservations.

In Westerly two prizes were awarded in the High School for essays on the subject of the World Court. Eight sets of the Child Welfare Posters teaching international goodwill have been placed in the primary grades of the Westerly schools.

While the Committee feels the inadequacy of its work, we are encouraged by the ways which have opened for service and we can the more readily extend the work in the year before us.

The Meeting appropriated last year the sum of $250.00 for the work of the Peace Committee. Of this sum $192.80 was contributed to the National Council for the Prevention of War. The remainder has been spent for the activities of the Committee.

Henry H. Perry,
Chairman.

It is concluded to reappoint as the Committee for the ensuing year Henry T. Gidley, Charles H. Carter, Emma T. Oliver, Henry H. Perry, Anna Foster, Job S. Gidley, Elizabeth Perry, Thomas P. Nichols, Thomas Perry, Eva L. Foster, Harvey C. Perry and Lydia S. Perry, and to add to the Committee the names of Millicent S. Foster, Ethel M. Foster, Elizabeth M. Chace and Phebe F. Perry. The Committee was encouraged in its work and the sum of $500 is appropriated - $250 to be given to the National Council for Prevention of War and $250 (or so much of it as may be required) to be subject to the Committee's order.

The Peace Committee brought to the attention of the Meeting the suggestion of William O. Foster that a small committee be appointed to cooperate with a committee of 25 recently appointed by the Methodist General Conference held at Springfield, Mass., to call all religious

bodies together in the interest of world peace. After a period of consideration, it was concluded to appoint William O. Foster, Thomas P. Nichols and Thomas Perry as such a Committee.

No written report was submitted by the Book and Tract Committee, but an oral statement was made recommending, among other things, that it be authorized to obtain, if available, additional copies of the London Yearly Meeting General Epistle to Friends Everywhere; and, if not available, to have 500 copies of the Epistle printed for distribution by individual members of the Meeting as way may open. It was decided to continue the same Committee for another year; viz: James H. Tucker, Jesse R. Tucker, Arthur Perry, Anna A. Gardner, Anna H. Chace, Elizabeth G. Wilbur, Emma Foster Perry, Gertrude E. Foster, James W. Oliver, Mary Elizabeth Foster, Elizabeth E. Gidley and Elizabeth Perry. An appropriation of $100 was made for its work, subject to the order of the Committee.

An Epistle to New York Yearly Meeting in acknowledgment of the one received from them was read and united with. The Epistle Committee also submitted a General Epistle from this Meeting to all the Yearly Meetings with which we correspond - which was read and fully united with. The Clerk was requested to transcribe them in the records, sign them on behalf of the Meeting, and send them to their several destinations.

From New England Yearly Meeting held at Westerly, Rhode Island, to New York Yearly Meeting.

Dear Friends:

We have been grateful to receive your message of love - brought to us personally by your Assistant Clerk, whose presence has edified us and warmed our hearts.

We are glad to feel, with you, that bond of fellowship that draws together in love all those who seek to know the seed of God in our hearts and to guide our activities in the light of His wisdom as revealed to us through Jesus Christ.

Your sincere Friends.

General Epistle of New England Yearly Meeting.

Dear Friends:

The reading of epistles from many widely scattered meetings has filled our hearts with abounding thankfulness to the Giver of all good, that we are able to feel ourselves members of a great fellowship, bound together by love and unity of faith and by a consciousness of the value of this gift which we all hold in common.

We are aware that the treasure which we have received is in earthen vessels, that we must not say "We have Abraham to our father"; but that to be worthy of this blessing we must seize hold on it and make it our own.

Three hundred years ago the conviction that "The Word of God hath appeared unto all men" set our forbears apart from their fellowmen and led them to the conclusions of the necessity, for Christians, of peace between nations and equality and brotherhood between individuals. May we share their burning conviction, may we also have a personal faith that these truths, for which the world is now longing, are living and practical, and applicable to the stormy and difficult times in which we live. If we are to live in the power of that spirit which makes all war impossible, that spirit must extend to every race and nation, to every class, and denomination, and temperament, however severed from us by tradition, and education, or way of thought.

May we have our spiritual and mental insight cleared and our darkness lightened that we may be able to seek out and discover all the implications of these doctrines of love and brotherhood, to realize and practise our full duty of speech and of action toward each person and each group whom we touch, and toward each problem of this troubled world.

"You hath He quickened who were dead in your trespasses and sins". May we keep our minds so tender and so sensitive to the teachings of divine love that we may never be unresponsive to its slightest admonition, till we are sure that we have left forever the easier paths of habit and fixed rule and have become in the spirit of the first Friends, Seekers, dependent always on the one true source of inspiration and guidance.

We hope that this correspondence may strengthen the tie which binds us together in that unity and love which is common to all who know spiritual communion in our Lord and Saviour.

On recommendation of the Epistle Committee, the Meeting united in requesting the Clerk to acknowledge on its behalf the letter of Max I. Reich which has been read to its great satisfaction and encouragement.

Alice Edge Perry, Agent of the American Friends' Service Committee in this District, reported that during the past year members of this Committee have sent $1,081 to the American Friends' Service Committee - $500 of which was for Austria and $400 for feeding German children. In addition to this, members have sent through their home districts to General Allen's Committee for feeding German children $2,650.

Charles Perry of Westerly, R. I., James W. Oliver of Sharon, Mass., Job S. Gidley of North Dartmouth, Mass., and Arthur Perry of Boston, Mass., are appointed correspondents for the year ensuing.

It was concluded to refer the question of the printing of the Minutes and the Epistles received and addressed to this Meeting to the Meeting for Sufferings.

The Clerk is directed to make all necessary extracts from the Minutes of this Meeting and to sign them on its behalf.

We close our Meeting under the sense of Divine favor which has been felt from time to time during its sessions, renewing our spiritual life and binding us closer together. Under this covering we conclude, purposing to meet at this place at the usual time next year if consistent with the Divine Will.

Arthur Perry
Clerk.

MINUTES OF THE SESSION OF 1925

At New England Yearly Meeting of Friends held at Westerly, Rhode Island, with public meetings for worship on First Day the Seventh of Sixth Month, 1925, and on Second Day the Eighth with those for discipline.

By accounts received from Rhode Island and Sandwich Quarterly Meetings, the representatives therein named to attend this Meeting are Charles Perry, Hannah W. Webster, Anna H. Chace, Anna A. Gardner, Lydia S. Perry, Thomas P. Nichols, Job S. Gidley, Elizabeth Foster, Jesse R. Tucker, Alice W. Gidley, Horace B. Foster, Mary Anna Oliver and Mary C. Foster, whose names being called, all are present but three, two of whom later took their seats in the Meeting and one of whom was unavoidably absent.

James M. Moon, a Minister of Philadelphia Yearly Meeting, is in attendance with a minute from Falls Monthly Meeting held at Fallsington, Pennsylvania, Sixth Month Fourth, 1925. His presence and ministry have been comforting and an inspiration. His exercise of spirit on our behalf has opened up a larger vision of opportunity and need for consecrated service. The Clerk is directed to furnish him with a copy of this minute signed on our behalf.

William B. Harvey, an elder of Philadelphia Yearly Meeting, is in attendance with a minute from Westtown Monthly Meeting of Friends held Fifth Month Twentieth, 1925, encouraging him to accompany James M. Moon at the approaching Yearly Meeting of Friends to be held at Westerly. The members of this Meeting desire to record their deep appreciation of his concern on their behalf. They have full unity with him in his appeal for faithfulness in protesting against the observance of the so-called "Defense Day" and against the sending of the U. S. Naval Fleet on to Australasia. We have felt the strength of his presence with us. The Clerk is directed to furnish him with a copy of this minute signed on our behalf.

Joan Mary Fry, a Minister of London Yearly Meeting, is in attendance with a minute from the Meeting for Sufferings of that Meeting held at Devonshire House, London, Third Month Sixth, 1925. Our hearts are full of gratitude that we, too, have been permitted to share the blessing which has marked her presence and ministry among Friends in

this country. We acknowledge and rejoice in her gift in understanding and interpretation of the teachings and the spirit of our divine Lord and Master. Our desire is for her safe return to her homeland, and for the Divine blessing to rest upon her and upon us in ever increasing measure. The Clerk is directed to furnish her with a copy of this minute signed on our behalf.

Herbert Sefton-Jones, a Minister of London Yearly Meeting is in attendance with a minute from the Meeting for Sufferings of that Meeting, held the Fifth of Tenth Month, 1923, and is accompanied by his wife, Margaret Sefton-Jones. His ministry has been helpful and encouraging and, through the presence of both of these dear Friends, we have felt the strengthening ties of Christian fellowship. They will carry back with them to their native land the gratitude of the members of this Meeting. The Clerk is directed to furnish them with a copy of this minute signed on our behalf.

William Bishop, a Minister of Philadelphia Yearly Meeting, is in attendance with a minute from Chesterfield Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Crosswicks, New Jersey, Sixth Month, 1925. We appreciate his service amongst us and his spirit of Christian fellowship and devotion. We would also record our satisfaction with the expression in his minute of the lively sympathy of Chesterfield Monthly Meeting with his concern to visit us in Gospel love. The Clerk is directed to furnish him with a copy of this minute signed on our behalf.

Sarah W. Cooper, a Minister of Philadelphia Yearly Meeting, is in attendance with a minute from the Monthly Meeting of Friends of Philadelphia, held Fifth Month Twenty-eighth, 1925, liberating her for service among us and encouraging Hannah D. Stratton, who also is present, to accompany her. The presence of these dear Friends has been comforting and encouraging. The weight of their concern has been felt, and we believe we have been drawn closer together in Christian fellowship as we have sat together now and then as it were in heavenly places. The Clerk is directed to furnish them with a copy of this minute signed on our behalf.

Watson W. Dewees, of Philadelphia Yearly Meeting, is also in attendance. His illustrated lecture on George Fox and his other service amongst us have been instructive and inspiring. His visit,

coming at a time of personal affliction, has made us feel all the more keenly his devotion to duty and his concern on our behalf. We would assure him of our sympathy for him and of the good which has attended his service. The Clerk is directed to furnish him with a copy of this minute signed on our behalf.

Other Friends from a distance have been present. This attendance in such a considerable number, some from across the seas, is an encouragement to be true to the Quaker testimonies on worship and ministry and to the faith handed down for 266 years through New England Yearly Meeting, the first Yearly Meeting of Friends set up in this Country.

Epistles addressed to this Meeting have been received and read from Canada, North Carolina, Western, Ohio, Iowa, Kansas, Philadelphia, Dublin and London Yearly Meetings and from Fritchley General Meeting of Fritchley, England:

From Canada Yearly Meeting of Friends held at Norwich, Ontario, from the 20th of Sixth Month to the 24th inclusive, 1924.
To New England Yearly Meeting of Friends held at Westerly, Rhode Island.

Dear Friends:

We feel to address you at this time under a sense of our great need, having assembled in the capacity of a Yearly Meeting; not alone because it is customary or courteous, but we feel bound in a precious nearness of spirit to do our part to strengthen the chain which binds together in one bundle of love all the children of God throughout the world.

We have been refreshed together in this love and have realized that in it lies the hope of the world; and that there is great need of a people who will be more fully dedicated thereto. We desire to commend us all to a closer walk with Him who said, "Love is the fulfilling of the law".

We are persuaded that in walking closely with Jesus, and obeying His voice, we shall learn to exercise the spirit of love in all the relationships of life, and that herein lies the solution of the problems which confront us.

There are many today looking to us as a people to lead the way in a better way of life. Shall we fail because we are not fully surrendered to this purifying, regenerating love ourselves?

Dear Friends, let us remember the solemn words of our Saviour, "Unto whom much is given, of him much shall be required"; and, having received much, of us also shall much be required.

We have been renewedly assured at this time that our Heavenly Father hears and answers the prayers of His devoted children when they plead with the importunity of Jacob when he said, "I will not let Thee go except Thou bless me". And your epistle, with others received, also a letter from a dear aged Friend of another Yearly Meeting, have contributed much to this assurance.

With a salutation of love and a longing desire for the advancement of our Saviour's Kingdom in the world, we remain your friends.

Signed on behalf of the Meeting.

Mordecai F. Starr)
Janet H. Pollard) Clerks.

Albert Pollard,
Correspondent.

From North Carolina Yearly Meeting of Friends, held at Cedar Grove, Woodland, N. C., by adjournments from the 16th of Eighth Month to the 20th of the same, inclusive, 1924.

To New England Yearly Meeting of Friends, held at Westerly, Rhode Island:

Dear Friends:

Gathered together again in a Yearly Meeting capacity, our hearts have been strengthened by the messages of love which have come to us both through the personal messengers amongst us and the reading of the various epistles received at this time.

May we take heed to the loving admonitions given us and strive to live closer to our dear Lord and Master that He may overshadow us with His wing of love and mercy, thus enabling us to overcome every temptation.

"Be still and know that I am God", is the injunction of the Psalmist. It is our earnest desire that we with you may, individually, so gather ourselves into that quietness of spirit that we may recognize the "still small voice" as it speaks to us. Thus alone will we be able to "keep the unity of the spirit in the bond of peace". We can only feel this peace as we listen to and obey the voice of our Heavenly Father as He points out to us 'This is the way; walk thou in it". We have been tenderly reminded of the admonition of our Saviour: "Ye must be born again" and also to follow the Lord as our Shepherd for then, in truth, we shall not want for He has prepared all things that are needful and good for us. If we are indeed His sheep, we will know His voice and follow Him and a stranger will we not follow for the sheep "know not the voice of strangers".

How needful it is that we listen attentively in order to distinguish the various voices for we are told that the enemy sometimes comes as an angel of light trying to deceive us.

We earnestly desire that we may live in love - love to our Heavenly Father supremely and to our fellow man also. "Love worketh no ill to his neighbor", and "By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another". "A new commandment I give unto you, that ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another". Oh, that we may all live up to this commandment, that we may truly experience "how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity".

Finally, dear Friends, may our whole conduct and conversation be such as becometh the followers of Christ.

With a salutation of love, we are your Friends.

Signed by direction and on behalf of the aforesaid meeting.

Anderson M. Barker)
Mary J. Peele) Clerks.

Correspondents:
John G. Peele, Rich Square, N. C.
Wm. T. Brown, George, N. C.
Harvey Newlin, Saxapahaw, N. C.

From Western Yearly Meeting of Friends held at Sugar Grove from the 5th of 9th Month to the 10th of the same inclusive, 1924.

To the Meetings of Friends with whom we correspond and to sincere Friends everywhere.

Dear Friends:

As we have been permitted to meet again to transact the business of our Yearly Meeting, we have been humbled under a sense of our weakness and unprofitableness; but we have remembered that the cause is not our own, and if we are truly serving the Lord Jesus, the Lord of Light and Glory, we have a captain that was never foiled in battle nor beaten in the field, and is as able to work by few as by many, "for it is not by might nor by strength but by my Spirit, saith the Lord", who is able to help us always to triumph in Him.

The loving epistles which we have received and read, to our encouragement and comfort, have tended to bind us together more closely in one common family, for "one is our Master, even Christ", and all we should be brethern watching over one another for good.

The language of our Saviour shortly before He was taken away seems fresh in our hearts, "What I say unto one I say unto all: "Watch", "Watch and pray that ye enter not into temptation", and the Apostle exhorts to "watch and be sober" for the "coming of the Lord draweth nigh".

It seems we have nothing to communicate to one more than to another, but our hearts go out to all, and for all, remembering that "there is no difference between the Jew and the Greek, but the same Lord over all is rich unto all that call upon Him", but we are not ignorant of Satan's devices turning many from the faith, and blinding "the minds of them that believe not, lest the Light of the glorious Gospel of Christ, who is the Image of God, should shine unto them", and is ever going about as "a roaring lion seeking whom he may devour". But we are thankful that there is a refuge where the righteous may flee and find safety, even under the shadow of the Wing of Ancient Goodness. This is where the "dispersed of Judah and outcasts of Israel" were to be gathered, if they would obey the call, but how sorrowful was that day when our loving Saviour looked over Jerusalem and wept saying, "Oh Jerusalem, Jerusalem, thou that killest the prophets and stonest them that are sent unto thee, how often would I have gathered thy children together even as a hen gathereth her brood under her wings and ye would not".

Let us take these things to heart and see that we do not grieve His Holy Spirit that is striving with us, drawing us with the cords of His love away from the many hindering things of time. This is that Love and Power that raised up our fore-fathers in the truth, and drew them away from outward forms and ceremonies of their day, to Himself, the True and Living Vine, and as they went out to proclaim these glad tidings of Great Joy they found others in whom this same power had been working, so they came together like stones in the temple without a jar or "the sound of a hammer".

So we believe if all bearing our name were obedient to this Heavenly call: "Come unto me all ye ends of the earth and be ye saved with an everlasting salvation", we should know of there being a gathering again unto Shiloh, and the Church would again arise and shine, coming up out of the wilderness, leaning upon the arm of her Beloved "Clear as the sun, fair as the moon, and terrible as an army with banners".

For we believe this is that day Isaiah saw where he says of the church, "Arise, shine; for thy Light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee, for, behold, the darkness shall cover the earth and gross darkness the people; but the Lord shall arise upon thee and His Glory shall be seen upon thee", and again, "The sun shall be no more thy light by day; neither for brightness shall the moon give light unto thee; but the Lord shall be unto thee an everlasting light, and thy God thy Glory". "Thy people also shall be all righteous; they shall inherit the land forever, the branch of my planting, the work of my hands, that I may be glorified".

With a salutation of love, we are your Friends,

Arthur W. Stanley)
Anna S. Harvey) Clerks.

Correspondents:
Edward Edgerton Plainfield, Ind.
Calvin Newlin " "
Phineas Pickett " "

From Ohio Yearly Meeting of Friends held at Stillwater near Barnesville, Ohio, from the 13th of the Ninth Month to the 18th of the same, inclusive, 1924.

To New England Yearly Meeting of Friends:

Dear Friends:

We have been comforted with the feeling that, unworthy as we are, of His notice, yet He does remember us in His mercy with a sense of the overshadowing of His presence, as we have met from day to day in our annual gathering. Your message was appreciated, and your interest is manifested by it, and by the presence amongst us of

some of your members. Amid all the questionings of today, is it not good for us to remember that however much conditions may change, and however new and different the problems of life may appear, yet it remains true that each one has, with Divine assistance, to work out the problems of life for their own selves. These early forefathers in the Truth, who say the vision and felt the power of God in their own hearts, became changed men and women. This was the beginning then and it is the same today; before we can point out the way to others we must first know the power of God in our own hearts.

"As the conviction", referred to in your epistle "that the Word of God hath appeared to all men, set our forbears apart from their fellow men", so as we are likewise concerned and in humility of heart try to follow the appearance in our own hearts, we too will be set apart. Then we come to the place that we can appreciate that we are all in His presence, that all are created equal in His sight, that He speaks to all as they open the doors of their hearts.

It has been written that they best honor the dead who live as they would have approved. Can we better honor our worthy forefather in the Truth than by endeavoring to imitate his life of self denial obedience and dedictation to His Heavenly Father who brought him out from the world and was glad that he was sent to turn men's minds to that life, Spirit and Grace that they might know their situation and their way to God, in their own hearts.

We are weak and are unable without Divine help to do any good but have desired for ourselves and for you a real deepening in the root of life and an implicit faith and dependence on our Father in Heaven, who is so ready to help those who in faith and obedience are willing to follow on to know Him in all His requirings.

Now unto Him who can keep us from falling and present us faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy, we are your Friends.

Signed in and by direction of the meeting.

Carl Patterson)
Beulah Edgerton) Clerks.

Correspondents:
Jonathan Binns, Adena, Ohio
James Walton, Barnesville, Ohio.

From Iowa Yearly Meeting of Friends held near Paullina by adjournments from the 15th of Tenth Month to the 20th day of the same inclusive,

To New England Yearly Meeting of Friends:

Dear Friends:

The reading of your epistle, as well as the others in the circle of our correspondence, has made us realize anew the fellowship which is ours, though widely separated and confronted by differing problems. We, with you, long for the day when men and women in all nations may come to feel something of this fellowship and know they are brethren.

The greed and corruption in public stations, and the immorality in our country manifested in many and various ways, has reminded us how it was in Babylon and Rome. Unless as a nation we repent, and turn from our evil ways, is there not a danger we ourselves shall in like manner perish?

The strain of our modern life affects us all to a greater or lesser extent, but comes hardest on the children and affects them most. The condition is unnatural, and it is difficult for the spiritual life not to become crushed and dwarfed. We need in this day, perhaps as never before, to learn to "be still and know that I am God". In all the turmoil of life to seek for the fulfilment of the promise, 'In quietness and confidence shall be your strength."

Notwithstanding the distress and social unrest occasioned by man's inhumanity to man, we see evidences of God's Holy Spirit working in the hearts of men and women here and there the world over. All these calamities are the natural result of the transgression of

God's law. We, His children, made in His image, with a knowledge of right and wrong, cannot transgress that law without suffering pain even as our first parents who incurred the penalty of pain through their disobedience; yet

"In the maddening maze of things,
And tossed by storm and flood,
To one fixed stake my spirit clings,
I know that God is good".

and "Those that trust in the Lord shall be as Mount Zion, which cannot be moved, but abideth forever".

With a salutation of love, we remain your Friends.

Signed by direction of the Meeting.

Wm. P. Young)
Alice L. Standing)
Clerks.

Correspondents:

Howard T. Jones	West Branch, Iowa
Jas. E. Gooden	Dexter "
Joseph Henderson	Paullina "
John W. Mott	Springville "

From Kansas Yearly Meeting of Friends held at Spring River near Galena, Kansas, 10 mo. 25th to the 29th inclusive, 1924:

To New England Yearly Meeting of Friends:

Dear Friends:

Knowing the "signs of the times", the extreme weakness of ourselves, the trials of the members of your meetings as well as all who try to walk the 'Highway of Holiness', we have great sympathy for and wish with all our hearts to encourage you still to cling to that which is right and hold fast that which is good. We endeavor to walk, as much as in us lies, by the Faith once delivered to the Saints and not too much by sight, except that received through the Divine Light of Christ which we believe everyone has a measure of according to the submission granted it, notwithstanding the fears of failure to attain to the mark desired.

We have met in much harmony and have again been blessed as in former years with the precious presence of the Spirit of the most High.

Our Yearly Meeting has also been blessed by the presence and Gospel labors of beloved members of other Yearly Meetings. It seems to us that we never before were more humbled and brought low by a sense of our lack of strength to dispose of the business coming before us. This may have been the cause of so hearty an appreciation of the excellent counsel afforded us.

With a salutation of love, we are your Friends.

Signed on behalf of the meeting.

Elizabeth B. Hinshaw)
Samantha J. Osborn) Clerks.

Correspondents:

Ai Chamness	Emporia, Kansas
Delphina Carter	R. 1, Galena, Kansas.

The Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends for Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Delaware and parts of Maryland held at Fourth and Arch Streets, Philadelphia, Pa., Fourth Month 3rd, 1925:

To New England Yearly Meeting of Friends held at Westerly, Rhode Island.

Dear Friends:

Your letter to Philadelphia Yearly Meeting gives evidence of your loving interest, and we heartily respond.

We have living epistles also among us from Meetings on both sides of the seas, dear Friends who have been drawn to visit us in Gospel Love so that they have refreshed us by their counsel.

At one of our sessions we were reminded of the experience of Isaiah, how he first felt his unworthiness and was made sensible of Divine cleansing before he was commissioned to be a Prophet and a Preacher of righteousness.

Open criticism was said to be deadly to our best life, if we have to caution a brother, let us go to him personally that we may win him from a fault.

Privilege and responsibility make the keystone of the arch in the Christian Course and as a Society, we have an open door before us.

Many in Europe and America look to Friends as to our standpoint on War. That it is unchristian should be our plea - the invincible Power of Goodwill must be proclaimed at home and abroad, if the world is to be given a true vision of Christ and His love.

May you and we be brought to a renewed service for Him in this day and generation is our earnest prayer.

We are with love,

On behalf and by direction of Philadelphia Yearly Meeting of Friends.

John D. Carter)
Anna Rhoads Ladd) Clerks.

From Dublin Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends held in Dublin, Ireland, from Fourth Month, 30th, to Fifth Month, 5th, 1925, inclusive.

To New England Yearly Meeting of Friends:

Dear Friends:

We gladly greet you from our Yearly Meeting gathered in Dublin. We have known a deep sense of fellowship and goodwill in our meetings, and desire that you with us may ever have this joyful experience.

We are thankful for the improvement in our political conditions and for the efforts which are being made by both Governments in the direction of righteousness, peace and prosperity.

We have been glad to hear of increasing interest amongst our own members, and also on the part of our fellow citizens, in the cause of Peace and the prevention of War.

We have had some share, in cooperation with other bodies, in supporting the measures of Temperance Legislation which have been secured in our country and we hope that opportunity may soon arise for further effort in this direction.

Friends have taken an active part in the relief of distress in the West of Ireland, and the appeals for money and clothing during the past winter met with a generous response. The economic condition of the people is still, however, far from satisfactory and we have been informed that their most urgent need is the encouragement of local industries.

Our numbers are decreasing and we have been sensible of spiritual poverty in many places; yet, in the words of a message given us by Edward M. Wistar, a welcome visitor from Philadelphia, we can truly say "We may be disappointed but we are not discouraged". We are convinced that there is much for us to do in this our beloved land. We have heard with joy of the fruitful work of some of our members in Evangelistic effort and in the service of our meetings. The Young Friends' Committee has sent forward a report which testifies to their many sided interests: Bible study, Missionary study, circles for the study of books with regard to peace and war are only some of their activities.

We have been reminded that in spite of differences in the way we express our beliefs there is an underlying unity, and that our devotion to Christ, and our love one to another should form a bond which nothing can break.

It is our earnest desire that we with you may find that fellowship is deeper than differences of theological expression and opinion.

The World, like the High Priest, asks Jesus "of His disciples and of His doctrine". Men judge Him by our lives even more than by what we say. The Master calls us to respond with our lives to His question: "Lovest thou Me"? to leave all and follow. We may feel like the young man of old who found the task too hard, and turned away sorrowful, yet He who knows the Father assured His disciples that "with God all things are possible".

Signed on behalf of Dublin Yearly Meeting.

Thomas Bewley,
Clerk.

Central Offices of the Society of Friends,
Devonshire House, 136, Bishopsgate, London, E. C. 2,
30th May, 1924.

To New England Yearly Meeting of Friends:

Dear Friends:

We greet you in love. We appreciate your message of love and friendship. It strengthens us in our faith, in the knowledge that we are unitedly working for the coming of the Kingdom of God on earth.

We are very conscious of the need of God in our own lives and in the world. The Spirit of Christ is our one hope for ourselves and the world. Yet the world does not see it and we only see it dimly. We have tasted and we hunger for more -"that we may know Him, and the power of His resurrection and the fellowship of His suffering". We pray for a place of usefulness in bringing in the Kingdom of God on earth - He says to us "can ye drink the cup that I drink of and be baptised with the baptism that I am baptised with"? Here is the test of our desire or prayer. We recognise that God needs instruments who will not shrink back, but will suffer with or for others who may not see God's way.

We see something of the love that was behind Christ's suffering, behind the cross. In Gethsemane He went through it alone, yet not alone.

And as He prayed for His enemies that they might be forgiven (for they knew not what they did) we see something of the depth of that love which suffers and yet longs that the blind may see and understand God's way.

In our times of private devotion or our Meetings for Worship we seek to renew our vision and strength that we may follow in Christ's way, recognising that our Meetings must not be an end in themselves but a means to the end of fitting us better to live in Christ's spirit. We are thus driven out from our own little circle of self-centredness into a larger fellowship, the fellowship of suffering with and for others who do not see Christ's way, in family life and also in political and international affairs.

With loving greetings we are your Friends.

Roger Clark,
Clerk.

Central Offices of the Society of Friends,
Devonshire House, 136, Bishopsgate, London, E. C. 2,
17th July, 1924.

To New England Yearly Meeting of Friends:

Dear Friends:

We send you herewith a copy of the General Epistle of London Yearly Meeting, addressed to Friends everywhere.

The note of thanksgiving and joy which it conveys was prominent in the minds of Friends who attended our late Yearly Meeting, and was no doubt helped by the beautiful surroundings, as we met for the first time among the hills of Wales, where the air was far fresher and more invigorating than in our usual Meeting House in London.

As we turned our faces to lands beyond the seas and listened to our Friends not only from your country but also from Germany, France, Austria, India and elsewhere, we came to a deep realization that we can no longer think of our Society as limited to any one country. Wherever we work, as we seek through the many activities open to us to express the Spirit of God, we become channels for that love which knows neither Jew nor Gentile, bond or free, but sees all men as children of one Father. Thus shall we find unity one with another as we learn to make all life a sacrament and our Society a place of Holy Communion.

We are very thankful to learn that Friends in some parts of the United States and Canada, who have long been separated are drawing together in common service for the one Lord and Master of us all.

As a Yearly Meeting we have deeply felt the disgrace involved by British subjects being engaged in the traffic in spirituous liquors on your coasts and we are seeking to approach our Prime Minister on the subject with a view to more drastic measures being taken to put an end to this traffic.

On behalf of London Yearly Meeting.

Edward S. Reynolds,
Clerk of the Meeting for Sufferings.

The Epistle from LONDON YEARLY MEETING of the Religious Society of Friends held at Llandrindod Wells by adjournments from the 21st to 28th of Fifth Month, 1924.

To Friends Everywhere.

Dear Friends:

It has been our privilege at this Yearly Meeting to enter into a deep experience of gladness and thanksgiving which we believe we are called to share with others.

In considering our International Relief Work and especially the final report of the Friends' War Victims Relief Committee, our hearts have been filled with gratitude to God as we have had under review all that Friends have been enabled to do in binding up the wounds of war. We are thankful indeed for that side of the relief work which can be measured by statistics. To have been allowed to help so many in distress is in itself a cause for thanksgiving. Yet in view of the vastness of the need, we dare not magnify our achievement, but would the more praise God in that He has owned and blessed an inadequate service of love. The cup of cold water in Christ's name has not failed of its reward. We rejoice that in looking back we can trace the guiding and supporting hand of God in our work. We are profoundly thankful for all those who have borne the burden of this service. We know how heavy that burden has been and indeed still is, but we thank God for every experience in which His strength has been proved in weakness, His wisdom manifested in mistakes over-ruled and perplexities resolved, so that we can say, "We have been troubled on every side yet not distressed, perplexed but not in despair."

We rejoice in the close cooperation into which we have been brought with American Friends. We rejoice in the sympathy and support that have come to us often from unexpected quarters. We rejoice in the welcome that has been given to us in the countries we have tried to help. We rejoice that it has been our privilege once and again to relight the lamp of hope in hearts where it was extinguished. We rejoice even more to have found faith in God still living where we feared it might be dead. We cannot but rejoice that, in a world where love to many seems but an idle tale, we have found love to be a living power.

We set out to act as members of God's family among those who did not know us and who might easily have misunderstood us. We have discovered ourselves to be within an ever-growing family circle. In this Yearly Meeting we have welcomed Friends, not only from America, and not only from distant lands where Friends have laboured for many years, but also from the new groups now gathered in many countries of Europe. We see already how God is enlarging and enriching our fellowship.

Of one other aspect of this experience we hardly dare to speak, yet it seems to us that, through the devotion and sacrifice of those who have represented us in this work, the Society has in some measure entered into a deeper sense of Christ's sufferings for mankind. Some have laid down their lives in this service. Many have borne the pain of witnessing and sharing in the unmerited sufferings of others, beyond their power to remove. Yet in the fellowship of suffering there is joy. Meeting in Wales we have blessed God for the strength of the hills, but we have caught a glimpse of something still more enduring. We dimly see that all sacrificial effort and all unmerited suffering are but

> ....."the tension thrills
> Of that serene endeavour,
> Which yields to God for ever and for ever
> The joy that is more ancient than the hills". (*)

We would not rest in this experience of joy as if we had seen to the end of an appointed task. We would not let the thought of the little that has been done obscure the vision of all that yet remains to do. We do not forget the many millions whose lives are "naked of joy and all that makes life dear". (**) But we do "thank God and take courage." We praise Him not only for our own experience but for new signs of hope vouchsafed to us at this present time. There is now a prospect of solving the international problems which, partly through their inherent difficulty and partly through the blindness and hard-heartedness of men, have for so long brought untold suffering on the guiltless and the weak. We long that our own nation may be led to take yet more decisive action in the spirit and in the interests of international goodwill. We thank God that the Churches are drawing together to shoulder common responsibilities for the redemption of society. We have been glad to share in the work of the Conference on Christian Politics, Economics and Citizenship (held at Birmingham, 5th to 12th of Fourth Month, 1924), and we recommend Friends to study the reports which cover almost every field of Christian duty. The magnitude of the task, that lies before us all, emphasises the privilege of being a Christian at this hour. We are called to attempt great things - with God.

These are some of the channels through which something of the joy of the Lord has come to us, and this glad experience has been confirmed by the harmony of love which has marked our gathering. In the days when the Lord turned again the captivity of Zion, we read that "God made them to rejoice with great joy ... so that the joy of Jerusalem was heard afar off". Our prayerful desire is that our joy may be shared by all Friends, not least by those who belong to small Meetings, and those who find themselves isolated and unable to join with others in the outward. We pray likewise that all our fellow Christians may know with us that God has not forgotten to be gracious and His hand is not shortened that it cannot save.

The summons to join in the great adventure of the Church of Christ comes to all. The Spirit of God is ever leading men on into fuller truth and revealing to them the greater things that must yet be achieved. To be messengers of truth is a high calling; by the prophetic word the people live. Yet we readily evade our personal responsibility for the publishing of truth, and easily succumb to the temptation to leave the vocal ministry to the few. In discontinuing the recording of ministers, the Yearly Meeting has desired to see this responsibility more widely shared. If sincere, no testimony, however halting, can fail to be of service, but at the same time we need clear thinking if we are to break down conventional prejodices against Christianity.

In God's Kingdom there are broad fields of service and a variety of tasks. Children serve, almost without knowing it. Alike in the appeal of their needs and in their trusting friendliness they awaken and feed the life of God in men and women. "He that receiveth a little child in My name receiveth Me", said the Saviour, and the truth of this is writ large in work for children since the war. We would keep ever before ourselves the service which little children, through their childhood, unconsciously render. We would keep before the children the glorious opportunity that awaits them in the service of Christ.

> "How many serve! How many more
> May to the service come! (***)

Yet some stand aside because they have no clear faith. We would urge all, who feel themselves to be in this position, not to stifle or belittle those instincts of chivalry and care for others in which God manifests Himself in their own experience. In daily life and in social work they may use their talents to help their fellows, and thus will find that love leads on to faith and hope.

Hope and faith reach out beyond this world, and our work here and now can only be accomplished in the power of an endless life. Such thoughts "transcend our wonted themes and into glory peep." (****) "Loved with everlasting love:" Christ in us, the hope of Glory: - who can utter these things? These truths come home to us in the living silence of adoration. It is then that He gives us the joy no tongue can express. It is then that we draw near to Him, whom not having seen we love, on whom, though now we see Him not, yet believing, we rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory.

Signed on behalf of London Yearly Meeting.

Roger Clark,
Clerk.

* T. E. Brown, "Pain".
** Edward Carpenter, "The Fellowship Hymn-Book".
*** T. T. Lynch, "The Rivulet."
**** Henry Vaughan, "They are all gone into the world of Light."

To the Meetings of Friends on the American Continent with which we correspond:

Dear Friends:

Met again as a little company, in this our Half-Yearly Gathering, very sensible of our weakness, and feeling with the Lord's servant formerly, as the 'least in our father's house', we have been cheered and refreshed by the reading of your instructive and lively epistles, and made to realise that we are not alone, but that, as with some of outward Israel formerly, 'for a little space grace hath been showed from the Lord our God to leave us a remnant to escape, and to give us a nail in His holy place."

Our hearts are drawn to you, our beloved brethren and sisters, at this time, in a fresh sense of that inward spiritual bond which unites the members of the same household of faith, though widely separated as to the outward, realising the truth of our Saviour's declaration: "For one is your master, even Christ, and all ye are brethren." As such, we are called upon to bear one another's burdens and so fulfil His holy law, that inward law of love, light and life, under which, if we walk, we shall experience, from time to time, something of what the Lord's prophets formerly testified of: "He giveth power to the faint, and to them that have no might He increaseth strength," and so be made instruments in His hand for the spread of the knowledge of the Truth as it is in Jesus, and the enlargement of His righteous kingdom in the hearts of our fellow-men.

There are no idlers in a living Church, all are called to work in Christ's vineyard, though the labour may be very varied and much of it hidden from outward view. We rejoice in every evidence of the fresh springing up of the Truth, wherever we see it, and desire to recognise it, even where it may be mixed with some things that we cannot own as in accordance with the mind of the Master, but we feel that for ourselves and you, our brethren and sisters, it is imperative to heed the apostolic exhortation: "Stand fast, therefore, in the liberty wherewith Christ has made us free, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage."

This true freedom does not lead to any merely 'creaturely activity', nor a liberty apart from Christ, but to that spiritual freedom which Christ spoke of when He said: "If the Son, therefore, shall make you free, then are ye free indeed".

Any liberty out of the Truth will not lead to progress but to retrogression, for if our work for the Master is to bear fruit, it is

needful for us to mind both the constraining and restraining influences of His Spirit. Let us, therefore, endeavour with earnest sincerity to seek to know the mind of Christ in all our steppings, that both individually and unitedly we may stand in the Divine appointment, willing to take Christ's yoke upon us and learn of Him, for only thus can we be made fruitful in fields of offering, and joyful in that spiritual house of prayer to which we are all invited. "Not by might nor by power, but by my Spirit, saith the Lord." "In quietness and in confidence shall be your strength."

With a salutation of love, we remain, your Friends.

Signed in and on behalf of Fritchley General Meeting of Friends, held the 6th and 7th of 5th Month, 1925.

Edward Watkins,
Clerk.

The reading of these Epistles coming from so many bodies of Friends in different parts of the world has been full of inspiration and encouragement. Our Yearly Meeting has at times heretofore passed through deep waters under a feeling of great weakness, largely no doubt our own fault, but also in part due to lack of sympathetic understanding and co-operation by members of other Yearly Meetings. We no longer have reason for discouragement for any such cause. It is rather for us to try to measure up to what is expected of us. In the contemplation of this, we may well recall the words of our Saviour, "he that humbleth himself shall be exalted".

We appoint Lydia Sharpless Perry, Phebe F. Perry, Alice W. Gidley, Henry H. Perry, Wm. T. Oliver, James W. Oliver, Wm. O. Foster, Thomas Perry, Anna Foster and Anna A. Gardner to prepare, as way opens for it, epistles or a general epistle in reply to some or all of the communications which have been received.

We appoint Mary C. Foster, Eunice B. Clark, Emma T. Oliver and Amos O.Foster to prepare a summary of the answers to the queries and to present it at the sitting this afternoon.

We appoint Jesse R. Tucker and Amos O. Foster to examine the accounts of the Treasurer and to present their report at a future sitting.

The representatives are requested to meet at the close of this sitting and propose the name of a Friend for Clerk and the name of another Friend for Assistant Clerk and to report at the opening of the Meeting this afternoon.

Adjourned to 3:30 o'clock this afternoon.

Second Day afternoon Friends again assembled at about the hour adjourned to. Names of the representatives being called, they are present with the exception of one who afterwards came in.

Job S. Gidley, on behalf of the representatives, reports that they were united in proposing the name of Arthur Perry for Clerk and Emma T. Oliver for Assistant Clerk. Their names being separately considered, the proposition was united with and they are appointed to those services for the ensuing year or until others are appointed in their places.

The Queries were read at this time with answers thereto from Rhode Island and Sandwich Quarterly Meetings, together with a summary prepared by the Committee appointed at our first sitting which is thought to describe our present state, and the Clerk is directed to record the same.

Summary Answers:

Answer I: All our religious meetings for Worship and Discipline have been regularly held. The attendance on First days is usually good, while mid-week meetings are small. One account reports that four mid-week meetings were omitted. The hour for gathering is generally observed. Friends are clear of unbecoming behavior, except some instances of sleep.

Answer II: Love and unity are maintained among us and we endeavor to guard against detraction. No differences are apparent.

Answer III: Friends are concerned to uphold our testimony to a waiting spiritual worship and to a free gospel ministry exercised under the immediate authority of the Holy Spirit.

Answer IV: Friends feel some care to bring up those under their direction in plainness of speech and simplicity of deportment and apparel. They guard against pernicious reading and the harmful influences of worldly associations, endeavoring to be good examples herein themselves. The Holy Scriptures are often read in our families.

Answer V: Friends are careful to discourage the manufacture, sale and use of all intoxicating liquors. Harmful diversions are not avoided by all our members. A care is felt to keep in simplicity on all occasions.

Answer VI: Pecuniary aid has been extended to those who need assistance. Our children have sufficient education to fit them for the duties of life. All our children are under the care of Friends.

Answer VII: As far as we know, our members maintain a faithful testimony against being concerned in any fraudulent or clandestine business, buying or selling goods

unlawfully imported and against engaging in or encouraging lotteries or other forms of gambling.

Answer VIII: We believe that Friends are careful to live within the bounds of their circumstances and to keep to moderation in their trade or business. They strive to be punctual to their promises, just in the payment of debts and honest in all their dealings.

Answer IX: Parents and those having the care of the youth feel it is important to instruct them in the principles of Truth professed by us and to guard all against unsuitable marriages. Our records are in order. There have been no removals.

Answer X: We believe a care rests with Friends to deal with offenders when necessary as the Discipline requires. There has been no dealing or placing of judgment since our last account.

The reading of the Queries and Answers brought freshly to mind the standards of life therein set for us, and how far short we are individually of realizing them. A deep concern was expressed that parents in their homes , in understanding and sympathetic intimate association with their children, set an example of right living and high thinking. We were reminded of the lasting influence upon children of the frequent reading of the Scriptures in the family circle, and of the abiding impress upon character and the establishment of faith through sincere, vocal prayer joined in by parent and child as it were around the family altar. The feasibility and desirability of directing the conversation about the family table to worth while and elevating subjects was emphasized as a way of upbuilding character. Leading and guiding children, rather than forcing them by inhibitions and prohibitions, is the surer method of keeping them in the right way.

A letter from Wilbur K. Thomas, Executive Secretary of the American Friends Service Committee, enclosing a report of its work in different countries and of the reorganization of that Committee upon a more permanent basis was presented. Following the reading and consideration of these papers, the Meeting was united in the appointment of Harvey C. Perry as their representative upon the American Friends Service Committee.

Henry H. Perry and Phebe F. Perry, appointed by the Meeting for Sufferings to draft a telegram to be sent to Calvin Coolidge, President of the United States, with regard to the observance of Defence Day and protesting against the sending on of the United States naval fleet to Australasia submitted the following message which, after due consideration, was fully united with and the Clerk was authorized to forward it:

The President, Calvin Coolidge,
Washington, D. C.

The New England Yearly Meeting of Friends now assembled at Westerly, Rhode Island, is deeply gratified by thy recent action in keeping Armistice Day free from association with military preparation. This Meeting, however, regrets the proposal of the government for any general demonstration of military preparation, whether by observance of a Defense Day or by assembling a naval squadron in foreign waters. The United States today is potentially the greatest military power in the world. The strong man should be the first to lay aside his weapons. We urge that the government should at this time demonstrate the goodwill towards all nations which in the past has been its high tradition and is now its exceptional opportunity.

Signed on behalf of the Yearly Meeting,

Arthur Perry, Clerk.

This Committee also produced the following draft of a telegram to be sent to the Governors of the New England States, protesting against an observance of Defense Day in their several states. The message was fully united with and the Clerk was authorized to send it:

Ralph O. Brewster,	Governor of Maine	Augusta, Maine.
John G. Winant,	Governor of New Hampshire,	Concord, New Hampshire.
Franklin K. Billings,	Governor of Vermont,	Montpelier, Vermont.
Alvan T. Fuller,	Governor of Massachusetts,	Boston, Mass.
Aram J. Pothier,	Governor of Rhode Island,	Providence, R. I.
Hiram Bingham,	Governor of Connecticut,	Hartford, Conn.

To the Governors of the several New England States: The New England Yearly Meeting of Friends, now assembled at Westerly, Rhode Island, feeling that the United States has a duty and exceptional opportunity to foster goodwill among nations, asks you to consider seriously the implications in the observance of Defense Day which has been ordered by the War Department. We believe that such observance can but encourage a militaristic spirit among our youth and raise doubt abroad as to the sincerity of our peaceful assertions, while serving only to demonstrate the military strength of a nation well known to be potentially the strongest. It is only too easy to arouse a people to military action; whereas to bring a people to desire cooperation and goodwill may require such a tragedy as the last great war. You will desire no less than we to preserve that spirit which has been attained at so great a price and we trust you will strive to avoid any action that might tend to quench it.

Signed on behalf of the Yearly Meeting,

Arthur Perry, Clerk.

The records of the Meeting for Sufferings were read and approved; and it was concluded to reappoint

James H. Tucker, Jesse R. Tucker, Amos O. Foster, Anna H. Chace, Charles Perry, Job S. Gidley, Elizabeth G. Wilbur, Eunice B. Nichols, Isabel L. Gifford, Arthur Perry, Lucy W. Foster, Horace B. Foster, James W. Oliver, Mary C. Foster, Mary Anna Oliver, Anna A. Gardner, Thomas Perry, Eunice B. Clark, Elizabeth P. Nichols, Harvey C. Perry, Henry H. Perry, William T. Oliver, Emma T. Oliver, Mary J. Cope, Mary E. Foster, Elizabeth M. Chace, Phebe F. Perry and Henry C. Foster

and to appoint

Samuel C. Webster, Clara Elizabeth Perry and Lydia S. Perry

to constitute the Meeting for Sufferings for the ensuing year, its first sitting to be held on Fourth Day, Sixth Month, Tenth, following the rise of the Yearly Meeting.

Adjourned to Third Day afternoon at 3:00 o'clock.

Third Day afternoon, the 9th instant, at about the hour adjourned to, Friends again assembled. The names of the representatives being called, they were present with the exception of two, who later took their seats.

The Committee appointed to examine the accounts of the Treasurer report that they have found vouchers covering all expenditures and that the accounts have been accurately kept. The cash balance on hand is $1,384.21. The Committee is united in proposing the name of Harvey C. Perry for Treasurer. The report is satisfactory and he is appointed Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting for the ensuing year.

The Peace Committee presented its report, which was satisfactory; and the Clerk is requested to record the same.

The Peace Committee of the Yearly Meeting has been mindful of its responsibility and of the extraordinary need for its activity in the present state of world conditions.

The book "The Case Against War" has been placed in three public libraries. Peace posters have been put into the public schools of Sharon, Centerville and Westerly, and literature aiming at international goodwill and understanding has been distributed from house to house in Westerly.

The National Council for Prevention of War appears to us to be the most active, constructive and successful agency in peace work. We have, therefore, contributed to it not only the $250 as provided in our budget but an additional $650 handed to the Yearly Meeting Peace Committee by interested members of our Meeting.

If Friends interested in war prevention would more generally follow this example and place their contributions with the Committee, either with or without suggestions for its use, the true extent of Friends' peace efforts would be better accounted for and become an encouragement to us all.

The Committee feels that our queries are not sufficiently constructive concerning peace. The query mentioning this subject includes several other subjects some of which are obsolete. The appeal also is negative. It is our concern that we should have a query urging us to more positive testimony for peace.

C. Elizabeth Perry, Secretary.

In considering the report of the Peace Committee, concern was expressed that Query No. 7 with relation to our testimony for Peace and other matters might be expressed in a more constructive way. It was suggested that some changes in the wording of other Queries might also well be considered; and it was decided to refer this matter with power to the Meeting for Sufferings.

It is concluded to reappoint to the Peace Committee for the ensuing year Henry T. Gidley, Charles H. Carter, Emma T. Oliver, Henry H. Perry, Anna Foster, Job S. Gidley, C. Elizabeth Perry, Thomas P. Nichols, Thomas Perry, Eva L. Foster, Harvey C. Perry, Lydia S. Perry, Millicent S. Foster, Anna Ethelyn Foster, Elizabeth M. Chace and Phebe F. Perry.

The Committee was encouraged in its work and the sum of $500 is appropriated to be subject to its order.

A letter from John E. Southall of Newport, Monmouth, England, to "Friends of New England Yearly Meeting" was read to our satisfaction and the Clerk was directed to make suitable acknowledgment of it and to send him a copy of our General Epistle with a salutation of love from the Meeting.

5 Woodland Road,
Newport, Mon. 1925.

To the Friends of New England Yearly Meeting.

Dear Friends:

May the Friends of the Yearly Meeting witness a going forward; may the work of the Lord go forward in your midst, and may not the things of time and sense prevail, however lawful they be.

Let not your small numbers discourage you, for if each member keeps close to the tendering influences of the heavenly dew, the plants of the Lord's right hand planting will revive and grow in accordance with his gracious designs, and you will be known and read of all men.

May you earnestly seek to stand in your heaven-appointed lots, so that the world and its allurements may be trodden under foot by you.

Which of you has not in time past felt the call of the Lord to live unto Him, and to the glory of His ever adorable Name, and if it should be that any have lost ground, let the time past suffice: The Arm of the Lord is still able to save and mighty to deliver. Then, whether the remaining days of your pilgrimage are many or few, you will be prepared when the end comes to render up your account with joy and not with grief.

I venture to say that the eye of the Lord is towards New England. He has not forgotten the sufferings and testimony of faithful servants now long gathered to their rest.

May you now in this our day, be co-workers with Him whose love is inexpressible, and who is worthy of all praise, honour and power now and forevermore.

Your friend
John E. Southall.

James W. Oliver reported orally for the Book & Tract Committee. The Treasurer reported payments to the order of this Committee of about $37. It was concluded to reappoint the members of the present Committee for the year ensuing.

Wm. O. Foster reported for the Special Committee appointed last year to cooperate with a general peace committee of other denominations; and it was concluded to continue the Committee for another year.

The Epistle Committee report, proposing a General Epistle in answer to those received, was submitted. This was united with and the Clerk was requested to transcribe it in the records, sign it on our behalf, and send it to the several Yearly Meetings from which we have received epistles.

GENERAL EPISTLE.

"Then they that feared the Lord spake often one to another." The living spirit which has filled our meetings is evidence that God is stirring the hearts of many in different parts of the earth with the desire to work together for the promotion of His Kingdom.

We are none of us alone but all share in this great work, blessed by the knowledge of a worldwide fellowship, depending upon a common source and inspired by ideals and traditions which have power in them to move the world.

These traditions are above all filled with the revolutionary spirit of Christ. The early Friends, like the first Christians, were ever forgetting the things which are behind and pressing forward to those which are before, eager to keep their minds and spirits open to the command, "You have compassed this mountain long enough, turn you northward". Are we, like the founders of our Society, two hundred years ahead of our time, or have we lost some of the glow of inspiration and devotion which filled us ten years ago in the face of world calamity? Let us hold fast that which is good and fight against the temptation to spiritual sloth which comes to a country secure in material prosperity.

Let us keep our perceptions clear so that we may realize the vision of a better world and a truer understanding of the values of life. The ideal of loving one's neighbor as one's self may involve for us work in many practical fields, such as the promotion of peace and international goodwill, the fight on the drug and alcohol traffic, more interest in local government, and a definite facing of the problems of insanity and crime. The world needs spiritual giants who will lead us to a wider conception of our Christian duty.

The only sure background for such lives of service is that serenity of spirit which was in Christ. Unless we can have peace within ourselves and in our families, our work for world peace is founded upon the sand. The tranquil spirit of Christ did not take Him out of the world and its conflicts; neither did His battle with evil disturb His own fundamental serenity. Let us rejoice that our goal is so high and so difficult and let us consecrate ourselves anew to its attainment.

Arthur Perry of Boston, Mass., Job S. Gidley of North Dartmouth, Mass., Charles Perry of Westerly, R. I., and James W. Oliver of Sharon, Mass., are appointed correspondents for the year ensuing.

It was concluded to refer the printing of the Minutes of the Yearly Meeting, the Epistles received by us, and the General Epistle sent in reply thereto to the Meeting for Sufferings.

The Clerk is directed to make all necessary extracts from the Minutes of this Meeting and to sign them on its behalf.

As this session draws to a close, we remember again with gratitude how much we owe to the faithfulness of the fathers and mothers of past generations in handing down in strength and purity the testimonies and faith of the Religious Society of Friends. In particular we enshrine in memory and bear in our hearts those who during the searching times

of the past eighty years, through suffering, forbearance and patience quietly but unswervingly kept true upon the course charted as they believed, and as we also believe, by the Divine Master. With an acknowledgment of the 'riches of His goodness and the overshadowing of His presence', we dedicate ourselves anew to our high calling, and conclude, purposing to meet at this place at the usual time next year, if consistent with the Divine Will.

Clerk.

MINUTES OF THE SESSION OF 1926

At New England Yearly Meeting of Friends held at Westerly, Rhode Island, with public meetings for worship on First Day the Sixth of Sixth Month, 1926; and on Second Day the Seventh with meetings for discipline.

Our Clerk, appointed by the last Yearly Meeting, being absent with a minute to attend London Yearly Meeting, and the Clerk of the Meeting for Sufferings having asked that he be excused from service as Clerk at this sitting, Horace B. Foster, on behalf of the former representatives, reports that they have met and have proposed the name of Henry Haines Perry for Clerk for this sitting. This proposal was united with and he is appointed to this service.

By accounts received from Rhode Island and Sandwich Quarterly Meetings, the representatives therein named to attend this meeting are Amos O. Foster, Charles Perry, Eunice B. Nichols, Samuel C. Webster, Elizabeth M. Chace, Anna A. Gardner, Horace B. Foster, Emma T. Oliver, Mary J. Cope, William T. Oliver, Mary E. Foster, Alice W. Gidley and Anna Foster, whose names being called all are present but one, who later took her seat in the meeting.

Max I. Reich, a Minister of Philadelphia Yearly Meeting, is in attendance with a minute from Falls Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Fallsington, Pennsylvania, Fifth Month Sixth, 1926. We are grateful for his return to us. He brings a stirring freshness in expounding the gospel of the living Christ that, together with the example of his personal dedication, has led to searchings of our hearts. The Clerk is directed to furnish him with a copy of this minute signed on our behalf.

Walter Edgerton, a Minister from Ohio Yearly Meeting, is in attendance with a minute from New Garden Monthly Meeting held Fourth Month Twenty-Second, 1926, also a minute of concurrence from Salem Quarterly Meeting held at Salem, Ohio, Fifth Month Eighth, 1926. He is accompanied by his wife, Beulah Edgerton. His spoken ministry and the presence of them both amongst us are acceptable and refreshing. We have felt also the warmth of their love and concern in their visits to several of our homes. The

At New England Yearly Meeting of Friends held at Newport, Rhode Island, with public meetings for worship on First Day the Sixth Month, June, 1926, and on record by the Records with [illegible].

Our Clerk, appointed by the last Yearly Meeting, being absent with a minute to attend London Yearly Meeting, and the Clerk of the Meeting, for Gathering having also to be excused from service as Clerk at this sitting, Horace B. Moore, on account of the former's representative, reports that they have not been opposed to come to Newport Meeting for this sitting. The proposal was united with and is presented to this sitting.

[illegible] received from Rhode Island and Connecticut Quarterly Meetings, the representatives there to assume their meeting was Anne C. Foster, Gladys Perry, Annie E. Thomas, Samuel T. [illegible], Elizabeth L. Moore, Anna A. Tanner, Horace B. Moore, [illegible] I. Oliver, Mary C. Moe, William T. Oliver, Mary E. Foster, [illegible] E. Gidley and Anne Foster, whose names were called and present out one, who later took her seat in the meeting.

Ann I. Reich, a minister of Middletown Yearly Meeting, in attendance with a minute from their Monthly Meeting of Friends at Wilmington, Pennsylvania, Fifth Month sixth, 1926. We are pleased for her return to us. Receiving a minute liberating [illegible] of visiting the meetings of the Lord's dear flock, to labor with the people of his covenant goodness, and [illegible] our borders. The Clerk is directed to [illegible] a copy of the minute signed on our behalf.

Walter Hampton, a Minister from our Yearly Meeting, to be [illegible] with a minute from New Haven Monthly Meeting, with North Shore Quarterly-Meeting, 1926, also a minute of concurrence from Green Quarterly Meeting [illegible], Ohio, Fifth Month, 1926. We is accompanied by his wife, Edith Hampton. We [illegible] to his ministry and the presence of the Lord among us and refreshment. We have felt [illegible] Love and concern in their visits to several of our Meets. The

Clerk is directed to furnish them with a copy of this minute signed on our behalf.

Marianna V. Wood, a Minister of Canada Yearly Meeting, is in attendance with a minute from Hector Monthly Meeting held at Ulysses, New York, Fourth Month Seventh, 1926, also a minute of concurrence from Scipio Quarterly Meeting held at Ulysses, New York, Fourth Month Tenth, 1926. We are appreciative of the evidence of her continued interest in our welfare, and of her service in giving expression to the messages of loving concern laid upon her. The Clerk is directed to furnish her with a copy of this minute signed on our behalf.

Louisa J. Richardson, a Minister of Canada Yearly Meeting, is in attendance with a minute from Pickering Monthly Meeting held at Pickering, Ontario, Canada, Fifth Month Sixth, 1926. It is encouraging to us to have the company of this Friend who by her ministry and presence directs our hearts in the way of truth. The Clerk is directed to furnish her with a copy of this minute signed on our behalf.

Lloyd Balderston, a member of Philadelphia Yearly Meeting, who has spent many years in mission work in Japan, has been in attendance to our satisfaction and profit. His address at an evening meeting in which he shared with us his conclusions from recent travels in China should broaden our vision and stir our interest in the people of that great nation. The Clerk is directed to furnish him with a copy of this minute signed on our behalf.

We have been favored with the company of other visiting Friends, some with the weight of special causes in regard to which they have addressed us, and several finding their ways to our gathering from distant homes. We cannot but profit, and we trust, mutually, by this contact of human spirit with human spirit, seeking together in the love of Christ a deeper realization of the dependence of each human soul upon the love of the Heavenly Father, and a more perfect expression in daily life of our kinship with Christ.

Information comes to this Meeting from Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends that Charles Perry and Arthur Perry have been

acknowledged as Ministers of our Society; and that Lucy W. Foster, Thomas Perry, Henry H. Perry and Phebe F. Perry are appointed to the station of Elder. We are also informed that Samuel C. Webster, Edith Nicholson Perry, Priscilla Vickery Hall and Francis Cooley Hall, Jr., have become members of South Kingston Monthly Meeting. Information comes to this Meeting from Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Friends that William T. Oliver and Elizabeth Foster are appointed to the station of Elder.

Epistles addressed to this Meeting have been received and read from Kansas, Canada, North Carolina, Western, Ohio, Iowa and Fritchley, also from Philadelphia and from London.

From Kansas Yearly Meeting of Friends held at Spring River, near Galena, Kansas, from the 24th of Tenth Month to the 27th, inclusive, 1925.

To New England Yearly Meeting:

Dear Friends:

We have again gathered together in the capacity of a Yearly Meeting, under the felt presence of the Holy Spirit. We are cheered and encouraged by the presence of a number of dear Friends from other meetings whose ministry and advice have been both comforting and helpful.

The epistles from the Yearly Meetings with which we correspond have been heard with appreciation. Through nearly all, there has been a minor note of deficiency on account of our decreasing membership; yet in all there has ever been present a confident hope and realization of triumphant faith in the things Friends have always held dear to their hearts.

Moreover we are made to rejoice when we recall the accomplishment of so many things, both temporal and spiritual, that Friends have long labored and suffered for. They are: the liberty of conscience and speech, the equality of man and woman in the service of the Lord, the lessening of the rigors of prison rule, the opening of the prison doors to those who were confined - not for crime but because of misfortune or for conscience sake, for the initiation of the first steps for free education, for their testimony against militarism and their untiring efforts for world peace which has so recently born fruit in the Locarno Convention.

While much has been attained, there is much for us yet to do and we should not lay down the sword of the Spirit nor the shield of faith, but press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus. For so long as there is still one of us left, and one child unfed and one soul unsaved, there is work for us to do, for "I say unto you that likewise joy shall be in Heaven over one sinner that repenteth more than over ninety and nine just persons which need no repentance".

With a salutation of love we are your Friends.

Signed by direction of the Meeting.

Samantha J. Osborn)
Ai Chamness) Clerks

From Canada Yearly Meeting of Friends held at Norwich, Ontario, by adjournments from the 19th of Sixth Month to the 23rd of the same, inclusive.

To New England Yearly Meeting of Friends:

Dear Friends:

The reading of your epistle with that of others has brought to us the feeling of fellowship with all true believers everywhere, and a love for all men desiring the good of all. The spirit of greed and hate has no place in a Christian world, for Christ has said, "Ye are my disciples, if ye love one another".

We have met together with a deep sense of our own inabilities, but God has truly been with us and in our midst. He hath poured out blessings upon us, and it is our earnest desire that we may experience a spiritual growth. It is our prayer that we may each one obey the call of that voice within, as God does speak to each and every one of our hearts.

It is very needful for us in these days of questionings and doubt not to listen to the "Lo, here", and "Lo, there", but to turn to the Witness within, and listen to the voice of the Spirit as our true guide and leader. Only thus can we know Him whom to know is life eternal. Oh! that the Society of Friends everywhere might hold fast that which we have received, that no man take our crown.

Let us "press forward" in spite of the many obstacles that lie in our path. "Leaving the things which are behind, let us press forward toward the mark, for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus".

With a salutation of love, we remain your Friends.

Signed by direction and on behalf of the Canada Yearly Meeting.

Mordecai F. Starr)
Janet H. Pollard) Clerks.

Albert Pollard,
Correspondent.

From North Carolina Yearly Meeting of Friends held at Cedar Grove, in the town of Woodland, North Carolina, by adjournments from the 15th of the Eighth Month to the 19th of the same, inclusive, 1925.

To New England Yearly Meeting of Friends:

Dear Friends:

Having again been permitted to meet in our annual assembly we have been reminded of our great dependence on our Heavenly Father, who will lead all His followers by a new and living way.

We have been brought near together at this time and feel we have much to be thankful for in the attendance of our meetings, as we believe there is not only an increase in numbers but also of interest, especially among those in the younger walks of life.

During the reading of the epistles from other Yearly Meetings with which we correspond, a precious feeling spread over us and we were reminded that we are all children of one Common Father, and through this correspondence we are enabled not only to keep in close touch with one another but in closer touch with our Father

in Heaven, for "One is our Master, even Christ, and all we are brethren".

The mention in your epistle of the world's need of spiritual giants took hold of our meeting. Surely we need such as these that we may go forward and accomplish the work that is well pleasing in the Divine sight. We have been reminded of the ancient worthies, who sought, and received a large measure of the power of God through faith in our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who spread the light as ability was afforded, and used the talents given them, that their Lord might receive of His own when He comes to call them hence.

We have been encouraged to be more faithful in the attendance of all our meetings, especially those held near the middle of the week, for in so doing we will not only find our spiritual strength to be renewed, but if we endeavor to go in the right way we will prosper in an outward sense as well, for we are told that the Lord can bless the little or blast the much.

We have the acceptable company of several dear Friends from other Yearly Meetings, whose company and Gospel labors have been encouraging, and we have felt that the Great Head of the Church is not unmindful of us, and trust we are sufficiently thankful for His renewed favors.

With desires that our faith may be strengthened together, we are with love, your Friends.

Signed by direction and on behalf of the Meeting.

Anderson M. Barker }
Mary J. Peele } Clerks.

Correspondents:
W. T. Brown, George, N. C.
John G. Peele, Rich Square, N. C.
Harvey Newlin, Saxapahaw, N. C.

From Western Yearly Meeting of Friends held at Sugar Grove near Plainfield, Indiana, from the 4th to 9th of Ninth Month, 1925.

To New England Yearly Meeting of Friends:

Dear Friends:

Our Saviour before leaving this world prayed for those who had walked with Him that they might be preserved from the evil of the world, not that they should be taken away from it.

This is what we of the present time need - the guiding, strengthening hand of our Heavenly Father to lead us past the many pitfalls that beset our way; and He is just as ready now as He ever was to help those who put their trust in Him. We are living in a time of great responsibility, not only to our own Society but to the rest of the world. People seem ready, perhaps as never before, to listen to some of the peculiar principles of our faith. Are we upholding these principles in the pure simplicity in which they were revealed to our forefathers, or are we letting our zeal grow cold? We notice in your epistle that you also have this fear.

This is a day in which we cannot live to ourselves; and let us pray for Divine help so that we may go about our daily business, doing our part in the great works of the world yet showing the Divine influence in all that we do and say. For He has commanded us to do everything for His glory.

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brethren".

To mention in your a little of the work's need of special
prayer took note of our meeting. Surely we have much to thank
God to pray to forward and accomplish the work that is really of-
him in the Divine sight. We have been thankful of the continued
ministries, who counsel, and received a large measure of the power
of God through faith in our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who
answer this light as ability was afforded, and read the right
live them. that their Lord might receive of His own when he
come to call them home.

We have been encouraged to be more faithful in the witness
of all our meetings, especially those not when the Master is
was", for in so doing we will not only find our spiritual strength
to be renewed, but if we endeavor to go in the right way we will
prosper in our outward affairs as well, for we are told that the Lord
can bless the little or great the much.

We have the assurance of several letters, during the
other Yearly Meetings, where country and abroad Israel have been
encouraged, and we have felt that the Lord of the Church
is not unmindful of us, and that we are sufficiently remembered
for His renewed favors.

With courage that our faith may be strengthened to-ward,

Signed by direction and on behalf of the Meeting.

Minutes to be forwarded:

Minutes of Yearly Meeting of Friends held at Bogue Grove
near Plainfield, Indiana, from the 9th to 12th inclusive, 1875.

To the England Yearly Meeting of Friends:

Our Saviour before leaving this world ordered his true
him meeting with the that they might to come from the ends
of the world, not that they should be given away from it.

This is what we of the present time need - the uniting,
He ever was to unify those who put their trust in Him. As
living in a time of great responsibility, not only to put
loyalty out to the test of the world. Loving from among,
as they believe, to listen to some of the [illegible]
of our faith. Are we watching there spirit and the pure
sincerity in which they were revealed to our [illegible], or
are we letting our real power only be noticed in your [illegible]
that you also have this fear.

This is a day in which we cannot live to ourselves, and
let us pray in Divine keep so that we may do what our gift
[illegible], doing our part in the great work of the world yet
showing the Divine influence in all that we do in any way. For
we are commanded we to be examining for the glory.

We are not our own, we are bought with a price, even the price of His precious blood, shed on Calvary for the blotting out of our transgressions. Our religion must consist of something more than just the diligent attendance at meetings and helping to manage the affairs of the church, though all these things are very necessary. It must be a practical religion that can be carried into the everyday walks of life, making us honest in our business, showing itself in a spirit of love and good will to those with whom we are associated, creating a deeper love between parents and children, for "God is love" and they who truly love must have the spirit of God in their hearts. Influenced by this Holy Spirit, we find that this life does hold for us much satisfaction and the life to come will be filled with joy unspeakable.

With a salutation of love, we are your Friends.

Arthur W. Stanley)
Anna S. Harvey) Clerks.

From Ohio Yearly Meeting of Friends held at Stillwater, near Barnesville, Ohio, from the 11th of Ninth Month to the 17th of the same, inclusive, 1925.

To New England Yearly Meeting of Friends:

Dear Friends:

In coming together in a Yearly Meeting capacity we have been unusually exercised in matters pertaining to our beloved Society. The united fellowship between old and young has been a source of great benefit and comfort to us and we trust the cementing influence of Divine love will enable us to work hand in hand in the discharge of our Christian duties.

The subject of Peace also claiming our attention, we have been dipped into deep exercise of spirit that we may not be remiss in our duty to the world in this respect, that the teachings of the Prince of Peace may triumph over the works of darkness and hasten the day when war shall be no more. Amid all the unrest and turmoil that surrounds us it is good to enter into that retirement before our Heavenly Father and there learn the lesson He would teach and ever bear in mind that in quietness and confidence shall be our strength, that the race is not to the swift or the battle to the strong but in that Divine arm of Power which can strengthen for every work and service which our Heavenly Father calls for, ever remembering that "They that trust in the Lord shall be as Mt. Zion which cannot be removed but abideth forever".

The faithful Disciples of our Lord and Master were ofttimes of lowly life and they were commanded to leave all and follow Him. And as He declared to His immediate followers, "Ye are not of this world but I have chosen you out of the world". So may we be willing to abide at His footstool waiting for His Divine anointing whereby we may be His dedicated followers standing for the truth as it is in Jesus.

With a salutation of love we remain your Friends.

Signed by direction of the meeting.

Carl Patterson)
Beulah Edgerton) Clerks.

Correspondents:
Jonathan Binns, Adena, Ohio.
James Walton, Barnesville, Ohio.
Geo. W. Stratton, Flushing, Ohio.

We are not our own, we are bought with a price, even the price of His precious blood, and on Calvary for the blotting out of our transgressions. Our religion must consist of something more than just the diligent attendance at meetings and learning to escape the athletics of the church. Though all these things are very necessary. It must be a conscious walk that can be carried into the everyday walks of life, making us kneel in our homes in silence, showing itself in a spirit of love and good will to those with whom we are associated, carrying a deeper love between parents and children, for "God is love" and they who truly love must have this spirit of God in their heart. Influenced by this Holy Spirit, we can lift this life above self to such satisfaction and the life to come will be filled with joy unspeakable.

With a realization of love, we are your friends.

Arthur W. Kennedy }
Rose D. Harvey } Saints.

From Iowa Yearly Meeting of Friends held at Springville, Iowa, from the 14th of Tenth Month to the 19th of the same, inclusive, 1925.

To New England Yearly Meeting of Friends:

Dear Friends:

Gathered together at our yearly feast, our hearts have been touched by the reading of your epistle, together with those from others within the circle of our correspondence, and we have realized afresh, not only the essentially spiritual nature of Christ's Kingdom, but the oneness of spirit into which God is calling us.

With one Lord, one faith and one baptism, one God and Father of us all, who is above all, through all and in us all, how can it be otherwise?

We believe that God is the author of all good, that all reforms in human institutions originate with religious people; those who are responsive to impulses from Him.

In a general way, our civil laws are crystallizations, as it were, of the experiences of the civic body as to what is best and necessary in human conduct. And in so far as the laws are just and righteous they represent God's influence in human affairs.

Since the betterment of our civil laws is brought about by educational agitation and the growth of an enlightened public opinion, does it not become us to use our influence toward this end and by so doing assist in the promotion of His Kingdom on the earth?

May we not say that the crying need of the world at large today, the next step in world advancement, is the further development and strengthening of an international organization which will adjust differences by peaceful methods, and in many lines promote the well-being of the whole people? That we may be prepared to help in this work, it is of first importance that we individually endeavor to come into harmony with the spirit of God, and to know the things which He requires of us.

To know Him and to live in His spirit is life eternal to our own souls, and it is but our duty to Him and His cause to do His will in our day, to fill in the measure of service allotted us, and to lend our influence in whatever line we may, toward the promotion of righteousness in the earth, and the glory of our Heavenly Father.

We are in love your Friends.

Signed by direction of the Meeting.

Wm. P. Young, Alice S. Standing } Clerks.

Correspondents:
Howard T. Jones, West Branch, Iowa.
James E. Gooden, Dexter, Iowa.
Joseph Henderson, Paullina, Iowa.
John W. Mott, Whittier, Iowa.

From Fritchley General Meeting of Friends held at Fritchley, England, the 3rd of Fifth Month, 1926.

To the Meetings of Friends with which we correspond on the American continent and elsewhere:

Beloved Friends:

Met together again as a General Meeting, you have been afresh brought to our remembrance by the reading of your acceptable epistles; and though sensible of our weakness and limitations, we desire to salute you as brethren and sisters in Christ and fellow pilgrims in the way Zionward, desiring your and our preservation therein.

It is the work of the enemy to divide and scatter, to cast down and destroy, and the only place of safety for any of us is in that spiritual sheepfold where the true Shepherd's voice is heard, agreeably with Christ's words, "And when he putteth forth his own sheep, he goeth before them and they follow him, for they know his voice."

Whilst desirous of supporting, as far as in our power, every rightly directed movement for social and political betterment - such as the removal of unjust and oppressive inequalities of racial and economic conditions; the abolition of the drink traffic, so fruitful a cause of misery and crime; and the securing of the settlement of all disputes between nations by pacific means, thus hastening the day, long foretold, when nations shall learn war no more - we yet feel that our first mission as Friends is to direct others by example and precept to "the Holy Spirit of God whereby (we) are sealed unto the day of redemption" - "the engrafted word which is able to save (our) souls," which is the only sure foundation for any true reformation.

In the present time of unrest and unsolved problems of life and work may we never forget that this foundation of our faith stands firm and sure. Although times and conditions may change, Jesus Christ remains the same, yesterday, to-day and for ever. "In all thy ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct thy paths." We are naturally impatient of restraint; often, it may be, over-anxious and ready to run hither and thither without the guidance of the Spirit of Truth; but let us ever remember that "except the Lord build the house, they labour in vain that build it." Our wills must be wholly consecrated to God if we are to do His work in His way. "Paul may plant and Apollos water, but it is God that gives the increase."

If there are any who are feeling perplexed by the varied teachings and opinions that abound, and are ready to query "Who will show us any good?" we would remind them for their encouragement that Jesus Christ, the Son and sent of the Father, ever remains to be the true teacher. He shows to man in the depth of his soul what is good, and as there is a turning to this, He proves himself to be not only the Truth, but the Way and the Life. His loving call to each continues to be, "Hearken diligently unto Me, eat ye that which is good, and let your soul delight itself in fatness."

We are often reminded that "here we have no continuing city"; let us therefore give diligence to make our calling and election sure, "redeeming the time"; and remembering the injunction, "Occupy till I come", endeavour to improve the talents committed to our care, not burying even the one talent in the earth; so that we may be faithful stewards of the manifold grace of God, and in the end be favoured to hear the welcome language, "Well done, good and faithful servant, enter thou into the joy of thy Lord".

In conclusion, we would like to encourage our young Friends with you and with us to be diligent in attending meetings for worship, and when so gathered to endeavour to feel after the Spirit

of God so as to be led by it. "For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God."

Often the Lord uses frail human instruments to further His work in the earth, that the gathering of the people may be to Him, whose Spirit is still the greatest and indeed the only power for good. Let us therefore not depend too much on one another, but with Joshua of old resolve, "As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord."

With a salutation of love, we are, your Friends.

Signed in and on behalf of Fritchley General Meeting of Friends aforesaid.

Edward Watkins, Clerk.

(From the Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends of Philadelphia and Vicinity, Fourth Month 2, 1926.)

To New England Yearly Meeting of Friends held at Westerly, Rhode Island:

Dear Friends:

Inspiring messages have come to us at our Yearly Meeting from Friends all around the world. As we listened to extracts from letters sent us by these many Yearly Meetings, we were deeply impressed with the common needs and aspirations of our Society the world over. Many of the interests and concerns which find expression in these messages we believe are also in some measure our own. The need of unity in the love of Christ, the problems of the education and training of the youth, the claims of peace and of other great social and moral causes for which Friends stand, all have been earnestly presented in our sessions.

But throbbing through the various letters that have come to us, by far the dominant note, is the conviction that Religion is Life. Christianity depends upon the living present personality of Jesus Christ, revealing Himself through men. This is the chief reason for our existence as a branch of the Christian church, that we may do our part, to our very utmost, in presenting effectively to the world the simplicity, the love, and the transforming power of Jesus Christ in the lives of men.

The letters which we have received have helped us realize this truth. To those who have written them we send our grateful appreciation, because we, too, love Jesus Christ, and because we long to increase in the knowledge of Him and to be able more completely to demonstrate His love and power.

Signed by direction and on behalf of the Religious Society of Friends of Philadelphia and Vicinity.

John D. Carter)
Anna Rhoads Ladd) Clerks.

William B. Harvey,
Yearly Meeting Secretary.

Central Offices of the Society of Friends, Devonshire House, 136, Bishopsgate, London, E. C. 2, 2nd June, 1925.

To New England Yearly Meeting:

Dear Friends:

In sending you the Yearly Meeting Epistle we wish to say how much we appreciate the letter from you as well as those from other

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spirit of Not, they are the sons of God."

Often the Lord uses fleshly human instruments to [illegible]
more in the world, than the ministry of the people who go to
them, whose spirit is still the greatest and hindered the most by
for good. But we therefore not despair the work on our part,
with looks of old records, "As for me and my house, we will
serve the Lord."

With a salutation of love, we are, your friends.

Signed in and on behalf of Pritchley Town & Meeting of
Friends aforesaid.

(From the Yearly Meeting of the [illegible] Society of
[illegible] and Violity, [illegible] 1. 1.)

To New England Yearly Meeting of Friends held at
[illegible], Rhode Island:

Dear Friends:

Impelled by love we have come to us at our Yearly Meeting from
friends all around the world. As we listened to each [illegible]
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impressed with the common needs and experiences of our fleshly and
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The testimony which we have received [illegible]
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we long to [illegible] in the knowledge of the [illegible]
completely to demonstrate His love and power.

Signed by direction and on behalf of the [illegible]
of Friends of Philadelphia and Vicinity.

John D. [illegible]

William E. Hartley,
Yearly Meeting [illegible].

Central Offices of the Society of Friends, [illegible]
[illegible], 156, Bleecker Street, [illegible], N. Y., 6th day, 12 [illegible].

To New England Yearly [illegible]:

Dear Friends:

In sending you this Yearly Meeting epistle we [illegible]
we appreciate the [illegible] you [illegible] as well as [illegible]

Yearly Meetings in the United States. They bring together the thought of Friends in all parts of the world, living and working under different conditions, all seeking to know and do the will of God in the world. The presence of Friends from the United States has helped us in our Meetings; Elbert and Lieuetta Russell, Edward and Margaret Wistar, Thomas and Lael Kelly and Lucy Biddle Lewis.

On the Sunday evening Elbert Russell addressed a public meeting on "The Religion of Love" when the hall was crowded with fifteen hundred people.

We have also greatly valued the presence of Friends from Germany, France, Austria, Switzerland and a representative of the Dutch Mennonites.

We earnestly desire that under Divine guidance and inspiration we may all go forward as a renewed and enlarged Society of Friends to fresh adventures in the service of the Kingdom of God.

On behalf of London Yearly Meeting.

William F. Nicholson, Recording Clerk,

For Roger Clark, Clerk.

The Epistle from London Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends, held at Scarborough from the 20th to 27th of Fifth Month, 1925.

To Friends Everywhere:

Dear Friends:

Two thoughts are impressed upon us in this Yearly Meeting: the greatness of the present human need, and the eternal strength and overcoming power of the Creative Life.

Man's need is great, in his spirit and in his social life. We are all burdened with the complexity of our modern existence, with the inward struggle of human souls for light, and with the vast sorrows of our social and world order. Faced with these problems and the call to build the City of God, we withdraw in spirit to the Source whence our strength and our qualification must come. For we depend upon the stream of the life of God becoming that of our own life, and thus our work becomes the work God does through us. As we serve others we ourselves become enriched with perception, knowledge and love; we "watch the Master work, and catch hints of the proper craft." *

In communion with the Universal Life we realise that there is poverty and weakness in isolation of spirit. Our communion with others grows with our communion with God; it is indeed one and the same. It is because we are His and He is ours that His service is perfect freedom. We are the servers and the served, the lovers and the loved.

The spirit of man finds itself awe-stricken in the intimate presence of the one Eternal Father, the Lord of manifold life, and sees, in Jesus, God revealed as love. The Soul of all things reveals Himself also in our own natures. We have to seek Him diligently if we would find Him, though at times, in a moment, we are conscious that He is there. He is behind all things. Life pulsates, because He wills it. Life lived apart from Him is barren and unnatural. The measure of the inflow of the Divine is the measure of our growth and of our use in the world.

The challenge of the world's suffering comes as a mighty call

to service, to the pursuit of a resolute search for truth, and to a personal and corporate dedication. In this service we must know the source of power. The Creative Life is free and boundless, but we men and women often lack the vital touch, and hence our corporate life is weak and ineffective.

Dear friends, the secret of this overcoming power lies in a first-hand experience of God, a lying open to the inflow of His Spirit. Men need to know their oneness in Him and to feel His life in theirs. In this should lie the power of our meetings. True worship is the linking of spirits in holy communion, bringing us into a place where God and men are one. We long that each of our meetings may come to feel itself to be a living communion, the spirits of all linked to all in the love of Christ. It is here, too, that we may realise the wider spiritual life, our oneness in the Spirit with those on earth and with those beyond; the souls of all in the hand of God.

A living touch with God and an inner communion with our fellows in worship are not for ourselves alone, but are to be sought for a definite purpose - to bring re-creative force to the healing of men. To be conscious of the Real Presence in our midst is to be sensible of a great liberation. As each surrenders to the Life of the meeting, waiting for the moving power of the Spirit, this point is reached. From this we can - and, if we are faithful, must - step out with confidence and joy into the life of men, and serve. There is a service required of all our members in our Meetings for Worship; it is that they may be willing to lay themselves open to God's Spirit, that He may use them in words of prayer or praise or ministry. We earnestly hope that all will seek the joy of this service.

In the wider service of daily life, our business capacity, our time, our faith, our love, are needed to grapple with the problems of poverty, of race and colour, of national hatreds, and the break-down of the economic structure causing such grievous unemployment at the present time.

In this service hardship and pain must be faced. George Fox, in Scarborough Castle, knew them both. Yet, knowing the secret of the overcoming power born of communion with the Living God, he could "walk cheerfully over the world answering that of God in everyone." ** In virtue of this he could give his life to the uttermost for the Kingdom of Christ his Lord.

Christ calls to men to follow Him in a fearless service. It is a service beset with difficulty, demanding courage and character. It offers men and women no easy path, but a constant sacrifice, a sharing in the broken body of the Lord, "who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame." *** It brings with it the joy of faith and vision, and the blessed fellowship of God and men. It offers to all who suffer and to all the wronged ones of the earth the outstretched hand of friendship, and a new life.

Jesus Christ moves forward. With Him let us move forward also, and face each difficult problem of our present civilisation in the power of the fellowship of the Spirit. This is the Call for Service to all who love their fellow men.

Signed in and on behalf of London Yearly Meeting.

Roger Clark, Clerk.

* R. Browning, "Rabbi Ben Ezra".
** George Fox, "Journal" (Bicentenary Edition, Vol. 1, p. 316)
*** Hebrews xii 2

The reading of these epistles has given us a grateful

feeling of unity with those whose outlook upon the deepest things of life is in keeping with our own. One realizes more deeply from the urgings in these messages our shortcomings, that are as it were weights upon our feet. We cannot but feel, and we trust, that these epistles evidence an increasing working of the leaven in our whole Society. A strong note running throughout leads to the thought that while spiritual values must first be sought, we may recognize that where the sap runs strong in the tree, soon abundant fruit also will appear.

Mary C. Foster, James W. Oliver, Charles Perry and Horace B. Foster are appointed to consider other messages which have been addressed to this Meeting and to present such of them to our Meeting at a later sitting as they deem best.

We appoint Phebe F. Perry, Anna Foster, Alice W. Gidley, Millicent Foster, James W. Oliver, Mary E. Foster, Eunice B. Clarke, Lydia Sharpless Perry and Mary C. Foster to prepare, as way opens for it, epistles or a general epistle in reply to some or all of the communications which have been received.

We appoint William T. Oliver, Amos O. Foster, Henry C. Foster and AnnaA. Gardner to prepare a summary of the answers to the queries and to present it at the sitting this afternoon.

We appoint Jesse R. Tucker and Amos O. Foster to examine the accounts of the Treasurer, to propose the name of a successor, and to present their report at a future sitting.

The representatives are requested to meet at the close of this sitting and propose the name of a Friend for Clerk and the name of another Friend for Assistant Clerk and to report at the opening of the meeting this afternoon.

Adjourned to 3:30 o'clock this afternoon.

Second Day afternoon Friends again assembled at about the hour adjourned to. Names of the representatives being called, they are present with the exception of one who afterwards came in.

Alice W. Gidley on behalf of the representatives, reports that they were united in proposing the name of Henry H. Perry for Clerk and Emma T. Oliver for Assistant Clerk. Their names being separately considered, the proposition was united with and they are appointed

to those services for the ensuing year or until others are appointed in their places.

The Queries were read at this time with answers thereto from Rhode Island and Sandwich Quarterly Meetings, together with a summary prepared by the Committee appointed at our first sitting which is thought to describe our present state, and the Clerk is directed to record the same.

SUMMARY ANSWERS

Ans. 1. All our meetings for worship and discipline have been held, except two on account of funerals, and several on account of weather conditions. The hour of gathering is nearly observed. No unbecoming behavior except some instances of sleep.

Ans. 2. Love and unity are maintained in a good degree. Detraction is guarded against. When differences arise endeavors are used to end them.

Ans. 3. Friends are faithfully concerned to uphold our testimony to a waiting, spiritual worship, and to a free gospel ministry exercised under the immediate authority and anointing of the Holy Spirit.

Ans. 4. Parents are concerned and give some attention to bringing up their children in plainness of speech, deportment and apparel, to exercising restraint over pernicious reading and harmful associations, but we feel more care should be used in these respects. Friends desire to be good examples herein themselves. The Holy Scriptures are read in most families but not always collectively.

Ans. 5. Friends are careful to conform to the several parts of this query but are not all clear of attending places of diversion.

Ans. 6. No Friends needing assistance. Our children are given sufficient education to fit them for the duties of life, and endeavors are used to keep them under the care and influence of Friends.

Ans. 7. Friends endeavor to maintain their testimony in the several parts of this query.

Ans. 8. Friends are careful to keep within the bounds of their circumstances and to keep in moderation in their business, to be punctual in their promises, just in the payment of their debts, and honest in their dealings.

Ans. 9. Parents and others desire that our youth shall be instructed in the principles of Truth professed by us, and are careful to guard against unsuitable marriages. Our records are in order. No removals without certificates.

Ans. 10. We believe a care rests with Friends to deal with offenders, when necessary, as the Discipline requires. No dealing or placing of judgment since our last report.

The reading of the Queries brought forth earnest expressions of desire for our faithfulness. We were reminded that discipline is an essential part of an ordered, Christian life, even as the pruning of the vine is required for its usefulness; and we were warned against an existing tendency about us, if not amongst us,

to deprecate discipline and self-restraint. Friends were urged also to take a positive, active attitude in regard to the evils of war and the use of intoxicants.

A message of greeting received this morning by cable from the Clerk of London Yearly Meeting, and expressing appreciation of the visit from our former Clerk, was read; and the Clerk is directed to make suitable acknowledgment thereof.

Messages were read which have been received from the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England held at Providence, R. I., from New York Yearly Meeting held at East 15th Street, New York City, from members of the Society of Friends resident in Vienna and from a newly organized Yearly Meeting of Friends held at Sonnefeld, Germany.

To New England Yearly Meeting of Friends, held in Westerly, R. I.:

Dear Friends:

Some of our number who had the privilege of sitting with you at a late session of your Yearly Meeting felt drawn to report to us, now assembled in the same capacity, the cordial welcome they received and the feeling of fraternal fellowship that was enjoyed. They also told us of the excellent epistle you were sending out to all in correspondence with you. Out of this arose a desire on our part to share that privilege. In accordance with this desire, we are sending you this brief letter of greeting.

Our hearts are gladdened with the thought that Friends everywhere are seeking to draw more closely together that they may thus present a united front in making known those great principles of truth for which the Society has ever stood. This has been helpfully manifested in many ways: in uniting our resources in aid of suffering Europe; in standing together as a rock for the advocacy of Peace and Prohibition; and last year in gathering for the pleasing task of observing the Tercentenary of our common founder.

All this seems as it should be and our prayer goes up that the Great Head of the Church may increase it more and more, that as a Society we may catch again the vision granted George Fox on Pendle Hill "of a great people to be gathered" and receive that divine strength and guidance that may enable us in some measure to see the vision realized.

In this hope we join, as we convey to you this expression of our cordial greetings.

On behalf and by direction of the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England, held at Providence, R. I., Sixth Month twenty-third to twenty-eighth, nineteen hundred twenty-five.

George L. Jones, Clerk.

Correspondent:
Geo. C. Herbert, Lynn, Mass.

To All Friends in America:

Dear Friends:

We greet you in Love.

The Friends of the early days entered into a great adventure in proposing to the world the thought that religion consisted in communion with the spirit of God in the human soul, in listening to its teachings and in following its admonitions. This was the central truth of the Society of Friends, and, as they believed, the central truth of the mission of Jesus, and the central truth of all religions and of all that may be called religion. They held not to a dead Christ but to a living Christ who even now speaks in the hearts of listening men, leading them away from sin, saving from sin, and to the extent that mankind accepts it saving the world from sin.

"This," says George Fox, "I knew experimentally. My desires after the Lord grew stronger and zeal in the pure knowledge of God and Christ alone, without the help of any man, book, or writing."

With this zeal the Friends proclaimed this central truth as glad tidings to others. William Penn says: "They were directed to the light of Jesus Christ within them as the seed and leaven of the Kingdom of God, near to all because in all, a faithful and just monitor in every bosom, the gift and grace of God to life and salvation that appears to all."

We believe that this teaching of the early Friends is a need of these times. Not all in the world now are seeking first the Kingdom of God within. Even in the religious world many are disturbed and are disputing as to matters theologic and matters scientific and philosophic, overlooking, as it appears to us, the essential central truth of religion, man's ability to experience the spirit of the Father in his own soul. Those having this experience need not be dismayed, nor even disturbed, by the discoveries of science, nor by the deductions of philosophy, and may even accept them without fear, having in themselves the inner witness to testify to things Divine. Flowing from that inner communion is love to God, and that which is like unto it, love to our neighbors and to all mankind, leading to works, to a way of life, so that our faith shall not seem dead.

We believe that the world needs a greater appreciation of this central truth as the great reality of all religion, apart from formal dogmas and literal interpretations of Holy Writ. From this arises a duty for us of ever increasing faithfulness in extending the truth as we see it.

It would increase the unity of Spirit, which is the bond of peace, in all communities if all sorts and conditions of men knew one another better and mingled more with one another, rich and poor, learned and unlearned, Jew and Christian, Protestant and Catholic, for where there is greater knowledge there is greater understanding, greater love. Ways of thought and life to which we are unaccustomed often seem unlikeable, even inherently wrong; it might be well to attempt to like the unlikeable, we might at least find it less wrong. It is always unsafe to listen only to what a man's enemies say of him or of his race, nation or religion; safer far, to pay at least as much attention to what his friends say, if we have a desire to know the best of him. We are all children of "Our" Father, all of us consciously seeking the way to Him, some gropingly, some doubtfully, some with assurance, some perhaps presumptuously, thinking they have found the only way, forgetting that the Father speaks not to us alone but to all men, and that men come to Him from different spiritual starting places and must travel different paths to reach the same centre. As one of our poets has recently said:

*"Many, O Father, are the ways to Thee;
Some few by easy paths with flowers beside,
Some over crags, through torrents, dangers great,
A few by stake and martyr's fiery crown;
But most by unheroic, common ways -
Dust, and the nettles of our common lives;
O help us find Thee in the shop, the field,
The tedious task, the face we do not like,
And see thee in the creeds of other men.
So that we find Thee, matters not the way."

We are not pessimistic but are full of hope as to present and future conditions in the social order. The order changeth, but we need to have our part in it, to help it change in the spirit of peace and serenity, in the spirit of Christ. We would urge that our voices speak, and that with utmost faithfulness our lives also speak.

"Let this mind be in us, which was also in Jesus Christ."

We are your Friends,

Ellwood Burdsall, Clerk.

On behalf of New York Yearly Meeting, in 230th annual session, Fifth Month 23rd to 28th, 1925, at East 15th Street and Rutherford Place, New York City.

*John Cox, Jr.

Message from the Fourth Annual Meeting of the members of the Society of Friends resident in Vienna, held on Sunday the 7th of March 1926, 1 Singerstrasse 16/11.

To Friends everywhere:

Dear Friends:

It is a heartfelt entreaty that we lay before you. Wherever you live on God's broad earth, at all times and on all occasions, you may demonstrate that the Society of Friends as a religious Society bears witness through each individual member, in deed rather than by word, against the inhumanities which are being practiced in all countries, with entire disregard of the law of Christ and His message of all-embracing love. Let us take every opportunity to raise our voices in warning and love, as true friends of all mankind.

Daily we hear and read how the life of the family, of kindred, and of groups that belong together suffers through greed, lack of consideration, brutality and cruelty, without the least desire to understand others in their affliction. We hear and see how troubled is the life of parties, classes, and denominations within one people. Even the life and existence of whole peoples and races are being threatened or destroyed by a stifling atmosphere of passionate revenge and conflict, leading to brutal retribution.

All men of good will see with profound grief how men and women of all conditions and ages in every land are entangled in these terrible doings. Even the childlike are drawn into this whirlpool which poisons all divine Goodness and all human Beauty and Truth. In their hatred the men who make themselves and everyone else unhappy forget all too often in word and deed that they call themselves Christians of some confession, and do not apply in life Christ's message of love which alone means heaven on earth. And how the evil-minded and malicious in their own grievous blindness enjoy such a tragic spectacle, while the good genius of Humanity, mourning, veils her head. Everywhere there seems to sound in our ears the moving words of the greatest friend of mankind, addressed once to Peter, to-day to all of us: "Venio iterum

"Mary, I fear, are thy eyes so low;
Come for my rosy cheeks, Lovers beside,
Soon over-grow, Thorns on the Rose,
A fool is glad to pluck Roses;
But mark my warning, common Boy -
Mark, can thy mistress of our Love;
I only be fair when in thy eyes, my Lord,
The Heavens shine, for I am so left alone,
And are those in the Cheeks of other men.
So then we find Them, withering and the Rose."

crucifigi" - I come to be crucified again by thee.

But no less are the professors of other non-Christian religions infected with the terrible evil of hatred, intolerance and desire for revenge, and point with scorn or desperation to the continued bad example of the so-called civilization of the West - of Europe and America.

Dear Friends, all men of good will must daily and hourly give an example of kindness, of the will to understand, and of continual readiness to help to all who still go astray, to all who are misled often by no fault of their own.

Whenever you act upon it this appeal will become a service of peace, liberation and salvation according to Christian meaning. Think how often our good George Fox, as one man, did far-reaching good by epistles of exhortation and encouragement and by a confident challenge to the inner man to control his passions toward high and low. Shall we not today with our united strength be able to do much more by example and by teaching?

We are convinced that every Friend who has sympathy with mankind, and every one like-minded with us will unite with us in the work of helping to awaken the consciences of our fellow men and women on all the earth. This is best done by the good example which is our duty and by the enlightening and friendly word which recalls to peace and goodness. By both we shall be leaders on the way to a true perception of what is necessary for a moral life.

Consider this sacred duty especially to the children, the most innocent victims of the self-destroying hate, lovelessness and lack of consideration of so many grown-up people. Spread abroad the knowledge of the Good and of the true Love which alone can effect that "change of mind", signified by the gospels, which leads men out of ever-renewed error and transgression against the Godlike, and which brings out the noble, the helpful, and the good in us.

As so often in similar cases we shall be blessed in this work for peace also, in that we help to spread blessing everywhere by patience and kindness, in thankful remembrance of the greatest of preachers of the all-embracing love, who came to save what seemed lost, who until his last breath believed in "that of God", - in the good - in every heart of man. Save with him and through him, the Divine Master, who has given us the great example of faith in ourselves and in our fellow-men. He who has learned to know the eternal Life that streams through the All, may indeed experience disappointment, but he will never succumb to discouragement, which is the death of the will to good.

And does not a good Providence provide daily new examples which incite to greater courage to do good? We experience this daily, if we are only willing to see it, and if we more and more set ourselves to emphasize affirmatively in our life only the positive, the unifying, all that we have in common and all that makes strong; and on the other hand to suppress and remove what is negative, what separates, all that makes weak.

The brigher the light of love burns, the higher this true sun of Life rises, the sooner will the deadly darkness pass away - to the happiness of us all. Therefore, dear sisters and brothers, seek with all your strength, that head and heart may everywhere work together with unwearied patience and real tolerance toward others. The world needs Light - more Light - that is Love, ever more Love!

Signed on behalf of the members of the Society of Friends resident in Vienna.

Rudolf Boeck, Clerk.

(Translation). Society of Friends (Quakers), Berlin-Biesdorf, Coepenickerstrasse 15, April 15, 1926.

To the Yearly Meeting of the Society of Friends (Quakers):

Dear Friends:

The German Friends who are gathered in their first Yearly Meeting at Sonnefeld near Coburg are very thankful that they feel closely united in a living fellowship with the Society of Friends in all countries.

The many messages of friendship which we have received at the opening of our Yearly Meeting from groups as well as from individual Friends from various countries make us rejoice in the thought that we all belong to a large fellowship, and we fully recognize the responsibility to cooperate all the more earnestly in helping to establish the Kingdom of Heaven.

In these days of heart to heart communion, we have discussed many questions of our small movement, have had the pleasure of receiving new members and have been led to the understanding that humbleness, liberty and love are the only pillars that can support us and help us to solve the problems of the present time.

It was of particular importance to us in these days that the seriousness of the Holy Message was brought before us, and that the great need of our time in regard to religious, social and economic conditions was spread before us undisguised. We have come to the conclusion that the only way to solve the existing difficulties is by means of love as Jesus taught it, and if we practise it in our daily life, it will make us fit for a consecrated service.

We send our greetings of hearty fellowship to all Friends.

Heinrich Becker, Clerk.

We value these ever-widening contacts with those who, while in some respects differing from us, seek alike the coming of Christ's Kingdom. In the love of Christ that unites us all, we look forward to closer understanding with all Friends everywhere.

The records of the Meeting for Sufferings were read and united with, including the adoption of a revision of the Queries which, as revised, are set forth herewith:

QUERIES

1. Are all our meetings for worship and discipline duly attended? Is the hour for gathering observed and do Friends endeavor to present themselves in a living and receptive frame of mind?

2. Are love and unity maintained among you, are you careful not to injure the reputation of others? And when any differences arise are endeavors used speedily to end them?

3. Are you concerned faithfully to uphold our testimony to a waiting spiritual worship and to a free Gospel ministry exercised under the immediate authority and anointing of the Holy Spirit?

4. Are Friends concerned to bring up those under their care in simplicity of speech, deportment and apparel? To guide their reading and conversation into right channels and

to guard them from all harmful influences? Are they good examples herein themselves? Are the Holy Scriptures frequently read in their families?

5. Do you endeavor to advance the cause of temperance, especially as to intoxicants and narcotics, both in your own lives and in the world about you? To choose such diversions as will contribute to your spiritual growth, and to conduct all the activities of your lives with simplicity?

6. Are the necessities of Friends in need of assistance duly inspected, and are they relieved as the cases require? Are they helped in procuring for their children sufficient education to fit them for the duties of life? And do Friends endeavor to keep their children under the care and influence of those in membership with them?

7. Do you maintain a faithful testimony against oaths, being concerned in any fraudulent or clandestine business, defrauding the public revenue or encouraging lotteries or other forms of gambling?

8. Are Friends careful to live within the bounds of their circumstances and to keep to moderation in their trade or business? Are they punctual to their promises, just in the payment of their debts and honest in all their dealings?

9. Are parents and those having the care of the youth concerned to instruct them in the principles of Truth professed by us, and careful to guard against unsuitable marriages? Are all marriages, births, deaths, and burials duly recorded? Have there been any removals without certificates?

10. Do you take due care to deal with all offenders in the spirit of meekness and wisdom, without delay, according to our discipline?

11. Do Friends endeavor to "live in the virtue of that life and power that takes away the occasion of all wars," to abstain from military matters and to promote according to their ability the growth of the spirit of Christian brotherhood in the conduct of all human relations?

It was concluded to reappoint James H. Tucker, Jesse R. Tucker, Amos O. Foster, Anna H. Chace, Charles Perry, Job S. Gidley, Elizabeth G. Wilbur, Eunice B. Nichols, Isabel L. Gifford, Arthur Perry, Lucy W. Foster, Horace B. Foster, James W. Oliver, Mary C. Foster, Mary Anna Oliver, Anna A. Gardner, Thomas Perry, Eunice B. Clark, Elizabeth P. Nichols, Harvey C. Perry, Henry H. Perry, William T. Oliver, Emma T. Oliver, Mary J. Cope, Mary E. Foster, Elizabeth M. Chace, Phebe F. Perry and Henry C. Foster, and to appoint Samuel C. Webster, Clara Elizabeth Perry and Lydia S. Perry to constitute the Meeting for Sufferings for the ensuing year, its first sitting to be held on Fourth Day, Sixth Month, Ninth, following the rise of the Yearly Meeting.

Adjourned to Third Day afternoon at 3:00 o'clock.

Third Day afternoon, the 8th instant, at about the hour adjourned to, Friends again assembled. The names of the representatives being called, all were present.

The Committee appointed to examine and settle the Treasurer's accounts have attended to that service and find the books have been correctly kept with proper vouchers filed. They find there is a balance on hand of $1218.11. The Committee propose the name of Harvey C. Perry for Treasurer for the ensuing year. The report is satisfactory and he is appointed Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting for the ensuing year.

The Peace Committee presented its report, which was satisfactory; and the Clerk is requested to record the same. A request is noted in the report that Friends make their contributions for Peace Work, whether or not for specified causes, through our Peace Committee.

The Peace Committee of the Yearly Meeting has found much to occupy its attention during the past year.

The Peace Conference of the Churches, held in Washington, was attended by two of our members as delegates of the Yearly Meeting and they have reported to the Meeting. The Peace Committee paid their expenses as well as our Meeting's part of the general expense.

Posters and other peace literature have been used in the public schools in every community in which our members live. Telegrams and letters have been sent to the proper persons in Washington at times when legislation affecting our cause was about to be enacted.

Three of our members were at the Geneva Friends' Center last year and since returning home have spoken repeatedly in public in the interest of peace, the World Court and the League of Nations.

We have given special assistance financially to the National Council for Prevention of War. In addition to $500 appropriated by the Yearly Meeting for our use, individual members of our Meeting have given the Committee $1000 for its use, mostly specified for the National Council for Prevention of War.

If members generally would place their contributions through our Committee we would the better know how much the Meeting is doing in this work. Contributions may be earmarked for any specific cause desired and the amount so spent with credit rightly placed.

Of the $1443.18 spent last year $1302.00 went to the National Council for Prevention of War - $1000 by special request.

Now that a New England section of the American Friends' Service Committee has been formed and is devoting its efforts, for the present at least, entirely to war prevention work, it is felt we should support it as much as possible. Considerable funds will be necessary.

The Peace Committee of our Meeting is thoroughly interested in its work and feels that progress is being made.

For the Committee,

Harvey C. Perry, Chairman.

Mrs. Ray Anderson, the Rev. Ingram, Mr. Grant the hour
adjourned to, Juanita again assembled. The names of the recommenda-
tions being reading, all were present.

The Committee appointed to examine and verify the reports
accounts have retired to their service and they have been
correctly kept with the proper vouchers filed. They find there is a
balance on hand of $14.11. The Committee accepts the name of
Harvey O. Berry for Treasurer for the ensuing year. The report
is entirely satisfactory and he is appointed Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting
for the ensuing year.

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and the Clerk is requested to record the same. A request is made in
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three most important principles our church was about to be confronted.

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Geneva and since returning home have spoken repeatedly in public in
the interest of peace, the World Court and the League of Nations.

We have taken special exercise tenderly to the Friends
Council for Education at Penn. In sending to [illegible] by
the Yearly Meeting for our work, [illegible] meeting of this Section
have given this Committee [illegible] not its own, mostly [illegible]
some National Council for Education or Penn.

It [illegible] generally weighs three [illegible] Quarterly Meetings
Committee we would the Section like now [illegible] in Penn
this work. Charts [illegible] be prepared [illegible] to come
[illegible] and the amount to [illegible] with [illegible].

Of the [illegible] sent last year [illegible] to the National
Council for Prohibition or War - [illegible] by special request.

The [illegible] New England section of the Friends' Service
Committee [illegible] and is [illegible], for the present
[illegible], entirely to war prevention work, it is felt we should
support it as much as possible. Conference is [illegible] necessary.

The House for Item of our Meeting is [illegible] in
the work and [illegible] progress is being made.

Harvey O. Berry, Clerk pro.

It is concluded to reappoint to the Peace Committee for the ensuing year Henry T. Gidley, Charles H. Carter, Emma T. Oliver, Henry H. Perry, Anna Foster, Job S. Gidley, C. Elizabeth Perry, Thomas P. Nichols, Thomas Perry, Eva L. Foster, Harvey C. Perry, Lydia S. Perry, Millicent S. Foster, Anna Ethelyn Foster, Elizabeth M. Chace and Phebe F. Perry.

The Committee is encouraged in its work and the sum of $500 is appropriated to be subject to the order of the Peace Committee for the ensuing year.

James W. Oliver reported orally for the Book & Tract Committee. It was concluded to reappoint the members of the present Committee for the year ensuing.

William O. Foster presented a report on the "National Study Conference on the Churches and World Peace", held at Washington, D. C. in the twelfth month. This conference was attended by William O. Foster and Henry H. Perry as delegates from this Meeting and by Edith N. Perry as a "visitor". The report indicates an encouraging attendance of some two hundred people representing about thirty denominations, and the holding of meetings for discussion that were both inspiring and constructive.

The Epistle Committee report, proposing a General Epistle in answer to those received, was submitted. This was united with and the Clerk was requested to transcribe it in the records, sign it on our behalf, and send it to the several Yearly Meetings with which we usually correspond, and in addition to the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England held at Providence, R. I. Also, an especial epistle has been prepared for Germany which the Meeting directs to be signed on our behalf and sent, together with a covering letter.

GENERAL EPISTLE

The early Friends driven by angry flames of persecution were innovators and pioneers. They were fighters who considered neither bodily safety nor physical comfort. No journey was too hazardous, no cause too unpopular, no adventure too dangerous, if only it were undertaken for the glory of God. Imprisonment, torture, death were lightly risked and cheerfully endured because the sufferers were upheld by a burning conviction of the righteousness of their cause. Today we are handicapped, particularly in America, by too much security and by an abundance of the comforts of life. Persecution breeds martyrdom; and conversely, long years of toleration and ease are apt to produce a generation which dreads disturbance and effort. Some tremendous moral upheaval is needed to shake us from our com-

placency and our satisfaction with small accomplishments and to drive us forward to risk all for our faith. Though we regret our small numbers we are not ready to show that fierce crusading spirit which alone brings converts to a cause. Until we are ready to sacrifice our pleasures, our comforts, our very existence for the furthering of Christ's Kingdom on earth, we cannot renew the life of the society and bring back to it the vigor and spirit which it had in the days of George Fox.

The genius of our age is expressed both within and without our Society, along practical lines, and it is in the field of social reorganization that Friends have made their especial impress during the last decade. This is laudable and we have received for it our due share of praise from the world and have risked also the temptations to self-satisfaction and self-congratulation. Are we forgetting that "Where there is no vision the people perish" and that "Though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor and have not Love I am nothing"? We are convinced that the interpretation of Christian truth which Friends hold in common is able to solve the problems which face the world if we can only achieve again the spiritual power which fired our forefathers and if we can be filled with their direct, teachable and childlike spirit.

Our annual gathering has been overshadowed with the presence of the Heavenly Father and we are deeply grateful to Him for sending to us so many of His dedicated servants, who have given comfort and encouragement to us during the sittings. They have brought forth from the Master's treasury "things new and old", yet as precious and reviving as showers that water the earth. There has been a strong sense that in neglecting any of our meetings Friends are losing opportunities which are capable of contributing much to the attainment of that spiritual power which will lead us to give soul as well as heart and brain to our endeavors. We hear that the world is hungry for our message. The fault lies with us if that message is not spread and if things material are allowed to eclipse those which are spiritual.

Arthur Perry of Boston, Mass., Job S. Gidley of North Dartmouth, Mass., Charles Perry of Westerly, R. I., and James W. Oliver of Sharon, Mass., are appointed correspondents for the year ensuing.

It was concluded to refer the printing of the Minutes of the Yearly Meeting, the Epistles received by us, and the General Epistle sent in reply thereto to the Meeting for Sufferings.

The Clerk is directed to make all necessary extracts from the Minutes of this Meeting and to sign them on its behalf.

Our faith in the love of God for us and in his indwelling spirit have drawn us together again for a time, not only to continue the organization of our Society through which, in part, we seek to serve Him, but also in the trust that we might receive a renewal of the spiritual life within us; for we are fully persuaded that it is good for men that they frequently withdraw for a season, from those temporal matters which must ordinarily concern them, to seek the Divine blessing.

We venture to feel that we have cause to be grateful that we do not now leave the table without having partaken in a measure, according to our several abilities, of that food and drink which alone can satisfy the soul of man. We have been made freshly aware that we cannot live in our own strength, nor unto ourselves, if we are to begin to attain to the measure of that stature which is in the Divine plan; and we feel that the lamp that lights the way to the realization of this plan has not been withheld.

In the hope that we may be increasingly faithful as the way opens before us in order that we may be also more worthy of the blessings of which we partake, we conclude, purposing to meet at this place at the usual time next year, if consistent with the Divine will.

Clerk.

MINUTES OF THE SESSION OF 1927

At New England Yearly Meeting of Friends held at Westerly, Rhode Island, with public meetings for worship on First Day the Fifth of Sixth Month, 1927; and on Second Day the Sixth with meetings for discipline.

By accounts received from Rhode Island and Sandwich Quarterly Meetings, the representatives therein named to attend this Meeting are Charles Perry, Mary J. F. Edgerton, Arthur Perry, Lucy W. Foster, Amos O. Foster, Elizabeth Perry, Horace B. Foster, Mary E. Foster, Elizabeth Foster, Henry T. Gidley, Elizabeth G. Wilbur, Jesse R. Tucker and Sarah W. Oliver, whose names being called all were present except three, two of whom shortly after took their seats in the meeting.

Charles P. Morlan, his wife, Ellen Morlan, and Anna, their daughter, together with Mariana Hall, all of Ohio Yearly Meeting, are in attendance. The companionship of these Friends and their understanding sympathy are a strength to us and we deem it a privilege that they have felt drawn to visit us. The Clerk is directed to furnish them with copies of this minute signed on our behalf.

Esther Morton Smith, a minister of Philadelphia Yearly Meeting, has been in attendance at our early sittings. Her services for us, touched as by Him to whom she would have us draw near, have been precious to us. We record also the attendance of our dear friend Albert H. Votaw of Philadelphia Yearly Meeting whose ministry and loving concern for us are an encouragement to our Meeting. The Clerk is directed to furnish each of these Friends with a copy of this minute signed on our behalf.

William Blair Neatby and his wife, Kate Neatby, Ministers of London Yearly Meeting, are in attendance with a minute from the Meeting for Sufferings (of London Yearly Meeting) held 5th of Third Month, 1926. The minute recites concurring minutes from Witney Monthly Meeting, held 8th of Twelfth Month, 1925, and Berks and Oxon Quarterly Meeting, held 19th of First Month, 1926.

Helen Neatby, their daughter, accompanies them. The enlightened ministry and tender supplications of these Friends have encouraged us, and the fellowship of each of them we cherish deeply. Our love is extended both to them and to the body of Friends in England to whom they intend soon to return. The Clerk is directed to furnish them with a copy of this minute signed on our behalf.

Alvin T. Coate and his wife, Evelyn M. Coate, of the Five Years Meeting are in attendance, bringing us a message of love and good will. Their services amongst us have been acceptable and we gladly reciprocate with the Meetings from which they come the greetings of Christian fellowship brought by these Friends. The Clerk is directed to furnish them with a copy of this minute signed on our behalf.

Our early sittings have been favored in an unusual way by the attendance of many other Friends from Meetings outside our regular correspondence. Among these Friends are several from the Boston and Cambridge groups of Friends, during the past year met in joint meetings for worship. Their coming in the spirit of Christian love and as one desiring to learn has aroused, we trust, a corresponding humility in us. We desire to record our love toward each of them and our satisfaction that they have felt drawn to attend our session.

Information comes to this Meeting from Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Friends that Jesse R. Tucker and Elizabeth G. Wilbur have been appointed to the station of Elder. Information comes from Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends that Thomas Perry, Jr. and Mary J. F. Edgerton have become members of South Kingston Monthly Meeting.

Epistles, addressed to this Meeting, have been read which have been received from the Yearly Meetings of Iowa, Western, North Carolina, Kansas, Canada, Ohio, Philadelphia, Dublin (held in 1927) and London, including in the latter instance both a general and a special epistle and a greeting by cable, also an epistle from Fritchley General Meeting.

To New England Yearly Meeting of Friends:

Dear Friends:

Your epistle is greatly appreciated inasmuch as it follows the line of thought which we have had in mind for some time.

The ideals of our Society, which were established by our forefathers and upheld by our fathers, remain for us. It is our privilege to maintain their reality. Their worth was recently challenged and met in a good degree to our strengthening.

The bigger challenge comes when there is no driving force; no great moral issue at stake. It is then that we allow little things to dominate our lives, and then is the time which tests or proves the reality of our ideals. Whether or not we deserve our present reputation depends upon our future activities. We may be worthy of it, if now under less pressure we continue our interest in World needs. May we each, therefore, make this our prayer:

"Lord help me live from day to day
In such a self-forgetful way
That even when I kneel to pray
My prayer may be for others."

We appreciate the interest shown and the part taken by our young people in the work of the meeting.

We feel that it is largely through them that our high standards must be carried on. We feel, too, that the cooperation existing among our members cannot be limited to old and young within one meeting, but that there must be like cooperation in each of our meetings and united efforts of all our meetings.

Let us remember that it is only as we draw from the living waters that we can work in harmony and begin in the least way to attain our ideals.

With desires for your welfare in better things, we are your friends.

Signed by direction of Iowa Yearly Meeting of Friends, held near Paullina, Iowa from the 13th of Tenth Month, 1926 to the 18th of the same.

Wm. P. Young)
Alice L. Standing) Clerks.

Correspondents:
Howard T. Jones, West Branch, Iowa.
James E. Gooden, Dexter, Iowa.
Joseph Henderson, Paullina, Iowa.
John W. Mott, Springville, Iowa.

From Western Yearly Meeting of Friends held at Sugar Grove near Plainfield, Indiana, by adjournments from the 3rd of the Ninth Month to the 8th of the same, inclusive, 1926.

To New England Yearly Meeting of Friends:

Dear Friends:

"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. And the Word was made flesh and dwelt amongst us." And today He dwells amongst us and by His spirit teaches us all things, that denying all ungodliness and the world's lusts we should live soberly, righteously and godly in this present world that we may have life and have it more abundantly. By this shall all men know that ye are God's children, because ye love the brethren; for if we love not our brother whom we have seen, how can we love God whom we have not seen? For verily no man loveth God and hateth his brother, for if any man sayeth, "I love God", and hateth his brother the love of the Father is not in Him. For if we truly love God we will love all His creation. Therefore if we say we love God and at the same

time have in our hearts any malice or unkind thoughts toward one of our fellowmen, we deceive ourselves and cannot grow in grace nor find favor with our Heavenly Father until we are entirely emptied of self and are favored to experience that condition of heart which always prefers others to ourselves, bearing the reproaches of ungodly men even as our Savior bore them, pitying their transgressions and praying that their eyes may be opened to see the darkness of their hard and impenitent hearts, that they with us may know of being cleansed and lifted up above the distressing, dissatisfying atmosphere of self. Self - that monster which stands so often between us and our God, and which divideth and scattereth, casteth down and destroyeth, and robs us of that heritage which is in store for every humble sanctified follower of Jesus. So our prayer is that we with you may put aside every weight and the sin which doth so easily beset us, that we may run with patience the race set before us, looking to Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, in whom is no variableness nor shadow of turning, and who willeth not the death of any, but invites all to come, taste and see that the Lord is good. He will support us in every trial, no matter how great, if we cast our all upon Him, keeping an eye single unto Him, ready to go at His bidding or come at His call. "Lord, who shall abide in thy tabernacle, who shall dwell in thy Holy Hill? He that walketh uprightly and worketh righteousness and speaketh the Truth in his heart. He that backbiteth not with his tongue nor doeth evil to his neighbor nor taketh up a reproach against his neighbor". How blessed to have the promise He will carry all our burdens, if with the Psalmist we can say, "I have set the Lord always before me, because He is at my right hand I shall not be moved".

"Thou wilt show me the path of life, in thy presence is fullness of joy, at thy right hand there are pleasures forevermore".

With a salutation of love we are your friends.

Signed by direction and on behalf of the Meeting.

Harvey Pickett)
Annah S. Harvey) Clerks.

From North Carolina Yearly Meeting of Friends held at Cedar Grove, Woodland, N. C. by adjournments from the 21st of the Eighth Month to the 25th of the same, inclusive, 1926.

To New England Yearly Meeting of Friends:

Dear Friends:

Your epistle relating some of the experiences and trials of the Founders and early workers of our Religious Society has vividly shown us that today there is an urgent need in our meetings for workers who are willing to undergo the sufferings and sacrifices required of those who answer the Divine call.

We realize with you, that the world is hungry for our message and it can be given only by placing spiritual things first. A closer communion with God, and a rededication of our lives to His service would help to accomplish those things which have been required of us and whereunto we are called. We must be brought to realize that "Of ourselves we can do nothing" and that "Except the Lord build the house they labor in vain who do build it. Except the Lord keep the city the watchmen waketh but in vain".

The religious strife which is occurring in Mexico brings afresh to our minds and hearts a feeling of thankfulness for the religious freedom of our own country and the freedom found in our Society.

While we are offering our prayers of gratitude may there also be

petitions that strength and power may be given the leaders of our country in settling the weighty financial and social problems of international importance. True it is that actual fighting between the leading nations has ceased, but there remain solutions yet to be adopted which will bring about a more friendly feeling between nations and eventually lead to world peace. Our hearts have been cheered and comforted by the presence of Ministering Friends, both of our own and other Yearly Meetings.

May their words fall on good ground that fruit may abound to the glory of our Father in Heaven.

We feel that the change in the time of holding our Yearly Meeting has again been shown as a help to us, for we have with us our younger Friends who will soon enter upon school duties. The mingling of old with young and the interest our younger members have shown in the business of the meeting, we believe, are strengthening to all.

The absence in the gallery of the faces of dear Friends who have been called from works to rewards brings to us very forcibly the fact that if the Lord's work is to be carried on, younger shoulders must bear the burden. We are also mindful of the absence of dear Friends of your Yearly Meeting who, in years past,have so freely filled our minds and hearts with Gospel Messages and tender admonitions. They were living examples of unswerving faithfulness and singleness of aim. We desire that we with you may remain very low and humble before the Lord for "By humility and the fear of the Lord are riches, and honor, and life." And we are told, "God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace to the humble."

In conclusion we commend you, with ourselves, to God and to the word of His grace which, if obeyed, is able to build us up and to give us an inheritance among all them which are sanctified.

With a salutation of love we are your friends.

Signed by direction and on behalf of the Meeting.

Anderson M. Barker)
Mary J. Peele) Clerks.

Correspondents:
John G. Peele, Rich Square, N. C.
William T. Brown, George, N. C.
Harvey Newlin, Saxapahaw, N. C.

From Kansas Yearly Meeting of Friends held near Galena, Kansas, Tenth Month, 23rd to the 26th, inclusive, 1926.

To New England Yearly Meeting of Friends:

Dear Friends:

We are again gathered in a Yearly Meeting capacity and are made to rejoice in our expectations of the Lord's overshadowing presence as vouchsafed to us in times gone by. We can truly say that He has not forgotten us nor left us without a witness at this time. We indeed realize that altho few in number He is pleased to be in our midst. Another evidence of His mindful care is the sending of His messengers to encourage and edify us for which we feel to praise His holy name.

Yours was a very acceptable epistle, the tenor of which portrays the Truth deeply and we can but believe it to be inspired by that Spirit that makes a Friend - one ready to labor and suffer in the Master's cause, for there is still

a great field open before us - white unto harvest - and it may be required of some to taste of the experience of our Saviour where He cried over the city of the Great King, "O Jerusalem! Jerusalem! thou that killeth the prophets and stoneth them that are sent unto thee..." To us it seems an encouraging symptom that here and there thru the world there are those ready to hear the message of Truth as delivered by Friends. But it is one thing to hear it and another to embrace and live it.

With a salutation of love we remain your friends.

Signed by direction of the Meeting.

Samantha J. Osborn)
Ai Chamness) Clerks.

From Canada Yearly Meeting of Friends, held at Norwich, Ontario, by adjournments from the 18th of Sixth Month to the 22nd of the same, inclusive, 1926.

To New England Yearly Meeting of Friends:

Dear Friends:

We have felt the force of your epistle, and agree with you that there is great need of a giving up of self and selfish pleasures, that we may have a closer walk with God, and receive more of His power and strength. "Without Him, we can do nothing". We greatly desire that we, with you, may humbly lay our all at the Master's feet and be ever on the watch that He may use us in His service whenever and in whatsoever way it pleases Him.

Christ's command was: "Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal, but lay up for yourselves treasures in Heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal, for where your treasure is, there will your heart be also." Surely we all desire our hearts to be centered on things above; but if we allow the things of this earth to fully occupy our minds and our time, how can we serve God as we ought, or hear His voice speaking in our hearts? "Let us," therefore, "lay aside every weight and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith."

Although we have been fewer in numbers this year than usual, and miss several of the older ones who have been taken from us by death, or kept at home by sickness, still we feel that we have been overshadowed by the Divine presence.

The ministers in attendance, including one of your number, have been especially favored in handing forth counsel and encouragement, and entreating all to close in with the visitation of the Spirit of God while it is yet day, "for the night cometh, wherein no man can work." "Seek ye the Lord while He may be found, and call ye upon Him while He is near," for He has promised to be with those that call upon His name. "Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts, and let him return unto the Lord, and He will have mercy upon him, and to our God, for He will abundantly pardon."

With a salutation of love, we are your friends.

Signed on behalf and by direction of Canada Yearly Meeting.

Mordecai F. Starr)Clerks.
Janet H. Pollard)

Albert Pollard,
Correspondent.

From Ohio Yearly Meeting of Friends held at Stillwater near Barnesville, Ohio, from the 11th of Ninth Month to the 16th of the same, inclusive, 1926.

To New England Yearly Meeting of Friends:

Dear Friends:

Your epistle, as well as those from other Yearly Meetings with which we correspond, has been read to our comfort and edification. In the bond of fellowship which we believe exists between the Meetings with which we correspond we shall endeavor to do our part to add to the blessing which this correspondence affords.

We are all the children of one Heavenly Father and if we are actuated by His spirit we will be bound together in unity by the chords of Divine love.

We believe in that light which the just of all generations have followed and know that His Divine Grace is still as able to guide and direct us as ever it was and if we through individual faithfulness are sufficiently humbled the Master will put it into our hearts to move forward in that light as seemeth good in His sight.

We recognize with you that Friends have made a special impress upon the world during the past decade, by their peace principles, by feeding the hungry, by caring for the fatherless, and by endeavoring to bind up the wounds of embitterment and strife between warring nations. Oh, that we might be filled with Godly sorrow, that we might be able to give solace to a sin-sick world, that we might come so close to the dear Master as to be transformed into His likeness and go forth with that assurance of faith which can remove mountains.

But we must not take any credit to ourselves because of the noble deeds of our early Friends. Let us not be tempted to think as the Pharisees of old, "We have Abraham to our fathers", but rather let us pray our Heavenly Father that He will in His own way, whether by "some tremendous moral upheaval" or by the "still small voice" in each individual heart "renew the life of the Society and bring back to it the vigor and spirit which it had in the days of George Fox".

In conclusion we would "commend you to God and the word of His Grace which is able to build you up and to give you an inheritance among all them which are sanctified".

With love we remain your friends.

Signed on behalf of the Meeting.

Beulah Edgerton) Clerks.
W. Mifflin Hall)

(From the Religious Society of Friends of Philadelphia and Vicinity, Fourth Month 1, 1927)

To Friends in All Lands:

Dear Friends:

In our gathering this year we have felt the need of many things, but most of all the need to have our inner lives refreshed, restored and deepened. But individual morality in its traditional form is insufficient. If men are to act, as they seem destined to act, in industrial, social and national groups, then obviously we face the

task of putting group action under the control of moral and spiritual forces. If we can help ourselves and others to understand the complex machinery of modern life, to comprehend the forces which operate through it, and, above all, to gain the spiritual mastery of them that will make love triumphantly dominant in every sphere of social life, that will help the world forward in its search for God.

We are concerned to see so many who appear to be living lives almost wholly given over to selfish materialism. But we realize that the trouble is not wholly selfishness. Man stands today half bewildered and half powerless in the midst of the vast social machine which has resulted from the unparalleled material progress of the last 150 years. We need to understand the forces which have been at work to produce the present tendencies, the new ideas and ways which have invaded our modern life. We need the sympathy, which, without condoning wrong, understands the workings of the human heart, and cooperates with all that is good in man to the overcoming of the evil. We must try to help men to discover that they cannot find God through materialism.

We have been occupied during our busy sessions with the outreaching work of the year, the tasks of many committees, the tangible assets.

In the past few years we have been absorbed with doing the things which the critical times called for from our hands; now we must take account of our inward stock. Behind us are 300 years of Quaker history, and we must ask whether we are transmitting a Society that can still be a great organ of the Spirit of the living Christ in the years after we are gone.

More important than the ripe fruit of the year is the tree that bears the fruit. We cannot rejoice in the work of the hour if we are not helping to form a permanent body of Friends who will bear the torch of truth and light when we are gone.

There were great Christian prophets and mystics before George Fox, but it was his signal distinction that he founded a Society to be a permanent body of spiritual revealers. More important than anything he did, any message he spoke or any book he wrote is this Society he formed to be the living organ of the Spirit through the ages. May we be restored and made radiant, and may the body itself be refreshed and fortified for its continued work through the ages before us. "He restoreth my soul".

Signed by direction and on behalf of the Religious Society of Friends of Philadelphia and Vicinity.

John D. Carter)
Anna Rhoads Ladd) Clerks.

Wm. B. Harvey,
Secretary.

(From the Religious Society of Friends, Dublin)

To New England Yearly Meeting of Friends:

Dear Friends:

As we look back on this Yearly Meeting we feel with thankfulness that it has been a time of peculiar benefit and encouragement. The attendance has been good throughout, and the interest in all the sessions well sustained.

We have met under varying circumstances; some in sickness, some in health, some in perplexity and sorrow, some in joy and hopefulness, but we trust that to all alike have come in some measure the happiness of a closer walk with God, and a greater fellowship with, and understanding of one another and our fellow men.

We have been fortunate in having amongst us Friends from England and two from America, and also Friends engaged in service abroad, and their contributions to the discussions have been of great interest. The address, "Thoughts on the Future of Quakerism", given by J. Edward Hodgkin at the opening session, made a deep impression on those who heard it and largely influenced the tone of the succeeding sittings.

In response to the invitation from American Friends to attend the Five Years Meeting to be held next Tenth Month at Richmond, Indiana, we have appointed seven of our members as delegates and hope, through them, to share in the interest of the proceedings. We greatly value these opportunities for mutual intercourse and friendship.

At the sitting devoted to the subject of education, we received encouraging reports from the schools under the care of Friends in Ireland and we feel much more hopeful as to the future of Quaker Education in this Country.

Very varied Home Mission Work is actively pursued in all our Quarterly Meetings. We believe it to be attended with a large measure of success. An experiment has been made this year in the work of a Gospel Caravan in some of the villages in Connaught where there are no Friends and only scattered groups of Protestants.

Our discussion on peace gained much from the presence of Carl Heath and John P. Rodwell. We were urged to link up our work for peace with the service of Friends in other countries, and to try to understand the international trend of events. We have felt strongly that now, while there is peace at home, is the time to work towards the prevention of all war in the future.

We had a most instructive discussion, opened by J. Edward Hodgkin, on "The Duty of the Christian Churches towards the Industrial Problems of Today", a subject which seems to us so complicated and of such importance that it is hoped to continue to devote time to its consideration.

In summing up this Yearly Meeting we consider that the outstanding ideas brought forward have been the necessity of willingness for sacrifice and the call for truth and sincerity in our lives and ministry. We must learn to live in that love towards God and our fellow men which will make us willing to sacrifice even our most cherished ideals, if God calls upon us to do so. We must strive after sincerity in all our ways and words and seek for that charity which unites us in spite of differing thoughts.

Signed on behalf of the Yearly Meeting of Friends in Ireland, held in Dublin, from Fifth Month 5th to 10th., 1927.

Edwin B. Jacob, Clerk.

The Epistle from London Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends, held at Manchester, from the 21st to the 28th of Fifth Month, 1926.

To Friends Everywhere:

Dear Friends:

It was natural that the thought of Yearly Meeting should be influenced by the Industrial Crisis. We have rejoiced in the ending of the General Strike, in the good temper and helpfulness so generally shown while it lasted, in the widespread response to the call for prayer, and in the appeal for a righteous settlement united in by the different religious bodies. Whatever be our view with regard to the strike as an industrial method, we have been impressed with the comradeship and willingness to bear one another's burdens which it revealed.

The continuance of the deadlock in the Mining Industry has reminded us that many acute industrial problems remain. We have had with us both mine-owners and miners who have told us of the complexity of the issue; and we have been stirred to sympathy with many of the workers in their privations. We are ashamed to think that it needed so great an upheaval to bring home to us the conditions of life of those who minister to our common needs - conditions in which we have acquiesced. This acquiescence involves a share of responsibility for the outbreak of strife in industry.

During our gatherings many different views have been frankly expressed, but we have been at one in seeking the will of God. In that search views were enlarged, and their diversity helped to fill in details of our vision of God's great purpose. In the world around us we see men divided into opposing camps by gulfs across which there seem to be no bridges. If men can be persuaded to look away from their differences, and catch a glimpse of a larger life, they will be able to unite the good in each group for the working out of a common purpose. Is not this what Jesus meant by seeking the Kingdom?

But how to bring to men a vision of the Kingdom?

Jesus came and lived with men, entering into their lives, transforming men by his appeal to their best selves. There came a time when this appeal failed; men did not respond. Nothing remained but to stand faithful to his appeal, even though they rejected it, and by suffering death in unchanging love, to carry his witness forward. In the life and death of Jesus we see God - see him appealing to men to walk his way of love, and whilst they are blind to it, suffering for and with them, bearing with them injustice and oppression, knowing that love alone will win out in the end.

Are we thinking of the need for transformation in individual lives? in industrial conditions? in international relations? The way of love is the one sure path, and we are called to follow it. Once grasp the love of God as Jesus shows it to us, and it will become the motive power for our work, and the foundation upon which we rest. Once grasp the outlook on men which Jesus had, and the way of the cross will be seen to be not only an event of the past, but a way of action in which we are to join now. Only if we are willing to follow the way of Jesus, whatever it may involve for ourselves or for our Society, have we the right to say that His way is the solution of the world's problems.

This ideal is high, but Jesus called men to begin to work it out at once, wherever they were.

With these thoughts in our minds we turn to face the innumerable claims upon our time and money, our thought, our labour and our love. We have heard once more the call to service in our own country and in all parts of the world. We have fresh evidence that the spirit of Jesus Christ is transforming human lives, healing bitterness and strife, sweeping away injustice and oppression, bridging the gulf between man and man, widening our vision of the oneness of life.

In the power of that spirit we must go forward together sharing in this Divine effort, this reaching out of God to men.

"The call is one, whatever the field.
The end is one, the Kingdom of Heaven.
He who calls us is God, the one Father of men."

Signed in and on behalf of London Yearly Meeting.

Roger Clark, Clerk.

Central Offices of the Society of Friends, Friends House, Euston Road, London, N. W. 1, 3rd June, 1926.

To New England Yearly Meeting of Friends:

Dear Friends:

Pending the completion of "Friends House" in London our Yearly Meeting has met for the third year in the provinces. We have been privileged to have in addition to your written message your "living epistles" in the presence with us of your Clerk, Arthur Perry, and his wife. These "ties which bind us heart to heart" are precious bonds, and help us to realize afresh our oneness in Him whose name we bear. This unity which has been strengthened in so many ways by personal contact and common service in recent years has found expression afresh this year in our Yearly Meeting. The Industrial Crisis in our coal mining industry and the deep seated social unrest and the world surge have but emphasized the need for a yet wider unity, and that only as we learn to live in the spirit of Jesus Christ will this unity be found.

The work of Friends in many countries which you and we together share have brought us face to face with the widespread call for a fuller consecration of life: to know this experimentally - surely the need for us all - is to wait quietly upon God that we may hear His voice in the shrine of the innermost.

"O thou sweet well for the thirsty in the desert! thou art closed up for him who speaks, thou art open to him who keeps silence; when he who keeps silence comes lo! he finds the well". "Be still and know that I am God".

Signed on behalf of London Yearly Meeting.

Roger Clark, Clerk.

LONDON YEARLY MEETING ASSEMBLED FOR THE FIRST TIME IN ITS NEW HOME AT FRIENDS HOUSE GREETS YOU AND PRAYS FOR THE DIVINE BLESSING ON YOUR SESSIONS MAY THE SPIRIT OF LOVE PREVAIL AND THE KINGDOM OF OUR LORD BE EXTENDED

ROGER CLARK CLERK OF LONDON YEARLY MEETING

From Fritchley General Meeting of Friends, held at Fritchley, England, the 4th and 5th of Fifth Month, 1927, to the Meetings of Friends with which we correspond on the American continent and elsewhere.

Dear Friends:

Having again been permitted to meet together as a General Meeting, we feel constrained, in our weakness and isolation, to salute you, our distant brethren and sisters, with the language "Come over to Macedonia and help us".

"We that are strong", the apostle declares, "ought to bear the infirmities of the weak, and not to please ourselves", and he enforces the injunction by our Saviour's example. "For even Christ pleased not Himself".

We are infallibly assured by the same apostle that "other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ", and though the soaring wit and wisdom of man ever seeks a more flesh-pleasing one to build its spiritual house upon, we know such building cannot stand. The house which the foolish man in Christ's parable built, without a foundation, upon the earth, might have looked more imposing than that which the wise man built, who digged deep and laid

the foundation on a rock, "but when the rain descended, the floods came and the winds blew, and beat upon that house, it fell, and great was the fall of it".

Our first Friends digged deep through much inward travail of spirit to reach this immutable rock and "sure foundation" on which their faith might rest. They found that words, the best of words, even the words of Scripture, were insufficient in themselves to satisfy their soul's hunger, and so they waited in poverty and weakness for that deeper and more immediate revelation of the Son by the Father which caused Peter to declare "Thou are the Christ the Son of the Living God". "Flesh and blood hath not revealed it to thee", Christ said to him, "but my Father who is in heaven.... and upon this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it".

Deeply instructive is George Fox's account of his spiritual travail and search for that assurance and peace which his soul craved for, and of the temptations, exercises and troubles through which he passed in preparation for the great work the Lord was calling him to and fitting him for. He writes: "And the Lord opened me that I saw through all these troubles and temptations. My living faith was raised that I saw all was done by Christ, the Life, and my belief was in Him. And when at any time my condition was veiled, my secret belief was stayed frim, and hope underneath held me up, as an anchor in the bottom of the sea, and anchored my immortal soul to its Bishop, causing it to swim above the sea - the world, where all the raging waves, foul weather, tempests and temptations are".

May we, who make profession of the same precious faith, come, in our measures, to a like blessed experience as so many thousands in his day did, and since have done. "Whose faith follow considering the end of their conversation, Jesus Christ, the same yesterday, to-day, and for ever".

We should endeavour to adorn the doctrine of our Lord and Saviour in all things, so that when we render up our account, we may do it with joy and not with grief, and through unmerited mercy receive the gracious invitation, "Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you since the foundation of the world". . . . "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me".

The Lord loves His children, His little ones, so let none be discouraged, but hold on their way.

Your acceptable and instructive epistles have been read to our comfort and encouragement.

With a salutation of love we remain your friends.

Signed in and on behalf of Fritchley General Meeting of Friends aforesaid.

Edward Watkins, Clerk.

Expressions of satisfaction in these epistles and of gratitude for the love that constrained those who sent them followed their reading. We were reminded of their strong appeal for the working of love amongst us; and they brought to the minds of some the tenor of the apostolic epistles. A unifying note in them is the urging that we build on the foundation principles of our Society rather than

upon any empty claims or imaginings of our allegiance.

Charles Perry, Horace B. Foster and Anna H. Chace are appointed to consider other messages which have been addressed to this Meeting and to present such of them to the Meeting at a later sitting as they deem best.

We appoint Phebe F. Perry, Lydia Sharpless Perry, Annie Gidley Lowry, William T. Oliver and William O. Foster to prepare, as way opens for it, epistles or a general epistle in reply to some or all of the communications which have been received.

We appoint Amos O. Foster, William T. Oliver, Alice Gidley and Elizabeth Foster to prepare a summary of the answers to the queries and to present it at the sitting this afternoon.

We appoint Amos O. Foster and William T. Oliver to examine the accounts of the Treasurer, to propose the name of a successor and to present their report at a future sitting.

The representatives are requested to meet at the close of this sitting to propose the name of a Friend for Clerk and the name of another Friend for Assistant Clerk and to report at the opening of the meeting this afternoon.

Adjourned to 3:30 o'clock this afternoon.

Second Day afternoon Friends again assembled at about the hour adjourned to. Names of the representatives being called, all are present.

Henry T. Gidley, on behalf of the representatives, reports that they are united in proposing the name of Henry H. Perry for Clerk and Emma T. Oliver for Assistant Clerk. Their names being separately considered the proposition was united with, and they are appointed to those services for the ensuing year or until others are appointed in their places.

The Queries were read at this time with answers thereto from Rhode Island and Sandwich Quarterly Meetings, together with a summary prepared by the Committee appointed at our first sitting which is thought to describe our present state, and the Clerk is directed to record the same.

SUMMARY ANSWERS

Ans. 1. All our meetings for worship and discipline have been held, except five, and have been duly attended by the majority of our members able to do so. One answer reports the hour of gathering is mostly observed. It is hoped Friends endeavor to present themselves in a living and receptive frame of mind.

Ans. 2. Love and unity are maintained in a good degree. Friends desire not to injure the reputation of others. When differences arise Friends endeavor to end them.

Ans. 3. We are concerned to uphold our testimony to a waiting spiritual worship and to a free gospel ministry exercised under the immediate authority and anointing of the Holy Spirit.

Ans. 4. Friends exercise some care to bring up their children in simplicity of speech, deportment and apparel. They are concerned to guide their reading and conversation in right channels, and in a good degree guard them from harmful influences, endeavoring to be good examples herein themselves. The Holy Scriptures are frequently read in most families.

Ans. 5. Friends endeavor to advance the cause of temperance in their own lives and in the world about them. More care in the choice of diversions that contribute to spiritual growth and more simplicity of living is desirable.

Ans. 6. Friends endeavor to be faithful in the several parts of this query.

Ans. 7. Most Friends maintain a faithful testimony against oaths. They are clear in the other parts of this query.

Ans. 8. As far as we know, Friends are careful to live within the bounds of their circumstances and to keep to moderation in their trade or business. They are punctual to their promises, just in the payment of their debts and honest in all their dealings.

Ans. 9. Friends endeavor to carry out the several parts of this query. There have been no removals without certificate.

Ans. 10. We believe a care rests with Friends to deal with offenders when necessary, as the Discipline requires.

Ans. 11. Friends endeavor to follow out the different parts of this query.

A weight was felt in our Meeting upon the reading of the Queries and answers thereto that there might be a deep concern upon us all to uphold the "waiting" and the "free" character of our ministry, these being indicated as foundation stones of the strength of our meetings. We were encouraged further to be faithful individually in giving vocal expression to messages laid upon us.

Messages addressed to this Meeting were read, in whole or in part, which have been received from New York Yearly Meeting held at Fifteenth Street, New York City; the Yearly Meeting of Friends in Ireland held in Dublin (in 1926); and the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England held at Winthrop Center, Maine. It is directed that copies of our general epistle be sent in reply to

each of these excepting the epistle from Dublin which was received after the rise of our last Yearly Meeting and to which reply has already been made by forwarding, in due course, our general epistle of 1926.

To New England Yearly Meeting of Friends, held at Westerly, Rhode Island:

Dear Friends:

Your earnest reply to our general letter of 1926 was read in our Yearly Meeting this year, with much interest and sympathy.

The two New York Yearly Meetings will meet jointly in 1928, and we hope for an increase in effective usefulness from this experiment in friendship.

We trust that the All Friends Conference in 1929 will bring us all to a broader, more inclusive spirit of unity.

In that spirit which knoweth no difference, we are your friends.

Signed on behalf of the New York Yearly Meeting of The Religious Society of Friends, held at 221 East 15th Street, New York City, 5th Month 21st to 26th, 1927.

Josephine H. Tilton, Acting Clerk.
Irvana Wood Tyson, Assistant Clerk.

From the Yearly Meeting of Friends in Ireland, held in Dublin from 5th Month 6th to 11th, 1926.

To New England Yearly Meeting of Friends:

Dear Friends:

The letters which reach us from many Yearly Meetings and groups of Friends, keep us in touch with fellow members in five continents beyond the seas.

At the time of our meeting, Friends in England are in the midst of great and deplorable industrial strife, and although we in Ireland are not at present involved, its consequences cannot be measured even for us. We pray that Friends everywhere may have opportunity to be peace makers, and to show our faith in the way of Christ, as the cure for the spirit of antagonism which is so much abroad in the world.

A distinctive note in reports which have come to our meeting is the spirit of co-operation which is manifest in many of the efforts in which Friends are engaged.

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In the ministry which we are all called to share, we need a minimum of words and a maximum of life; some have the gift of words, but the greater gift, the gift of influence, is intrusted in measure to all. Not in our Society alone, but everywhere, men can be saved if they come into contact with Christ, and Christ comes into contact with the world of men through the lives of His disciples.

We greet you in the name of the Lord and remain your friends.

On behalf of the Yearly Meeting.

Thomas W. Bewley, Clerk.

From the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England.

To New England Yearly Meeting of Friends, Westerly, R. I.

Dear Friends:

Gathered this year in Winthrop Center, Maine, Friends of New England have conducted the business of the Society in an earnest spirit of worship. The presence of those from other Yearly Meetings, and the reading of the correspondence, which we rejoice comes from a constantly wider circle of Friends, have deepened our sense of unity. As we learn of your concern for the extension of Christ's kingdom, we are ourselves encouraged to more effective service.

The putting into practice of the central message of Quakerism, the priesthood of all believers and the equal responsibility of each in the worship of God and the service of His kingdom, is our common problem. Our Meeting on Ministry and Oversight has with renewed earnestness considered this matter, and we have been notably helped by the presence of our English Friend, John William Graham.

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Our meeting has been aroused by the concern of J. Passmore Elkinton for an all-Friends gathering in the near future. We look forward eagerly to this wider sharing of our common problem, and to the opportunity of expressing more intimately our affection for those who with us long for the evidences of the Kingdom of God on earth.

Signed in and on behalf of the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England held at Winthrop Center, Maine, 6th Month 22 to 27, inclusive, 1926.

Lindley M. Binford, Clerk.

Correspondents:
Geo. C. Herbert, Lynn, Mass.
Lettie M. Bailey, Portland, Maine.

The records of the Meeting for Sufferings were read and united with. It was concluded to reappoint James H. Tucker, Jesse R. Tucker, Amos O. Foster, Anna H. Chace, Charles Perry, Job S. Gidley, Elizabeth G. Wilbur, Eunice B. Nichols, Isabel L. Gifford, Arthur Perry, Lucy W. Foster, Horace B. Foster, James W. Oliver, Mary C. Foster, Mary Anna Oliver, Anna A. Gardner, Thomas Perry, Eunice B. Clarke, Harvey C. Perry, Henry H. Perry, William T. Oliver, Emma T. Oliver, Mary J. Cope, Mary E. Foster, Elizabeth M. Chace, Phebe F. Perry, Henry C. Foster, Samuel C. Webster, Clara Elizabeth Perry and Lydia S. Perry, and to appoint Alice W. Gidley, to constitute the Meeting for Sufferings for the ensuing year, its first sitting to be held on Fourth Day, Sixth Month, 8th, following the rise of the Yearly Meeting.

Adjourned to Third Day afternnon at 3:00 o'clock.

Third Day afternoon, the 7th instant, at about the hour adjourned to, Friends again assembled. The names of the representatives being called, all are present but one, who was unavoidably absent.

The Committee appointed to examine and settle the Treasurer's accounts has attended to that service and finds that the books have been correctly kept, with proper vouchers filed. The account shows a balance of cash on hand amounting to $1,422.83. The Committee proposes the name of Harvey C. Perry for Treasurer for the ensuing year. The report is satisfactory, and he is appointed Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting for the ensuing year.

The Peace Committee presented its report, which was satisfactory, and the Clerk is requested to record the same.

The Peace Committee reports that its efforts during the past year have been directed toward cooperation with existing organizations in order to accomplish as much as possible without duplication of effort.

Thru this committee $120 have been contributed to The Friends Service Committee and $650 to the National Council for the Prevention of War.

A number of meetings have been arranged in our various communities and speakers supplied who have talked on peace subjects and on conditions in Mexico and Russia. Considerable effort was put upon the peace features of the Conference of the Service Committee in Boston this spring.

One member regularly supplies material for a peace section in a local paper and many others have made contributions to the press on various occasions.

Harvey C. Perry, Chairman.

The Committee is encouraged in its work,and the sum of $500 is appropriated to be subject to the order of the Peace Committee for the ensuing year. It is concluded to reappoint to the Peace Committee for the ensuing year Henry T. Gidley, Emma T. Oliver, Henry H. Perry, Anna Foster, Job S. Gidley, C. Elizabeth Perry, Thomas P. Nichols, Thomas Perry, Eva L. Foster, Harvey C. Perry, Lydia S. Perry, Millicent S. Foster, Anna Ethelyn Foster, Elizabeth M. Chace and Phebe F. Perry.

James W. Oliver reported orally for the Book and Tract Committee. James H. Tucker, Jesse R. Tucker, Arthur Perry, Anna A. Gardner, Anna H. Chace, Elizabeth G. Wilbur, Emma Foster Perry, Gertrude E. Foster, James W. Oliver, Mary Elizabeth Foster, Elizabeth E. Gidley and Elizabeth Perry,who are the present members of the Committee,

are reappointed for the ensuing year. The Committee is authorized to draw upon the Treasury of the Yearly Meeting to meet expenses to an amount not exceeding $100.

Phebe F. Perry, reporting for the Epistle Committee, explained that the General Epistle proposed by the Committee was the result of expressions of concern on the part of several members of the Meeting, some of whom were not members of that Committee. The report was fully united with and the Clerk is instructed to transcribe the epistle in the records, sign it on our behalf and send it to the several Meetings with which we usually correspond, and in addition to certain other Meetings as instructed at our last sitting.

The Clerk is encouraged, when sending our epistle to the several Meetings, to accompany it with covering letters bearing, as way may open, some appropriate message.

GENERAL EPISTLE

We have been reminded in the sessions of this Yearly Meeting that our love to God, if it be worthy, must be fruitful in service to man.

We who believe that our principles are of universal value and applicable to the changing conditions of modern life must make good our claim, keeping our consciences both tender and enlightened that we may perceive what are the implications of these ideals to which we have pledged ourselves. Let us strive to keep our spirits in such close communion with the Source of all Goodness that we may be fully responsive to the demands of our high profession.

The increasing disposition among employers to practise various forms of industrial democracy elicits our closest interest, pointing, as it seems to us, the way toward a practical application of our conviction that there is "something of God in every man". We urge Friends to study carefully all these attempts in the practice of Christian brotherhood.

We rejoice to see the emergence of a new spirit in international relations, evidenced by the entry of Germany into the League of Nations and by the proposals for all-inclusive arbitration treaties. In addition, the general interest in the limitation and total abolition of armaments should encourage us to renew our efforts in all practical measures for the peaceable adjustment of international differences.

Individually, an important mission for us is to interpret the Friendly point of view toward social problems in the various communities in which we live. Even though we may lack the companionship of people having our religious background we shall find the challenge the greater to live out the principles of the early Friends. In the unity developed through Christian service we shall find common ground with our neighbors.

In this Meeting we have been earnestly counseled to develop our spiritual life. In silent communion we have been made aware that we have only begun to lay hold upon the power which might be ours. Only persistent desire for growth, and concentration upon the worship of God, can give us inward calm and strength.

Arthur Perry, Job S. Gidley, Charles Perry and James W. Oliver are appointed correspondents for the ensuing year.

It was concluded to refer the printing of the Minutes of the Yearly Meeting, the epistles received and read by us (including portions of those read only in part) and the General Epistle sent in reply thereto to the Meeting for Sufferings.

An invitation, referred to this Meeting by the Meeting for Sufferings, received from Elizabeth A. Biddle, Secretary, to send delegates to the "Third Young Friends Eastern Conference" to be held at Guilford College, North Carolina, in the Eighth Month was read. After consideration it was concluded to refer the matter to the Meeting for Sufferings with liberty to encourage and assist any of our members who may feel concerned to attend this conference.

The Clerk is requested to send an appropriate letter (or an appropriate reference in the covering letter accompanying our epistle) in reply to the cable received from the Clerk of London Yearly Meeting which has been read again at this sitting.

A circular letter and accompanying memorandum from the Central Offices of the Society of Friends, London, comes from the Meeting for Sufferings for reading in this Meeting. The communication relates to procedure in regard to the issue of Liberating and Returning Minutes for service of American Friends attending London Yearly Meeting. The items have been read in this Meeting and the Clerk is directed to deliver them to the Clerk of the Select Meeting for filing.

A desire was expressed that the Clerk record the deep feeling of this Meeting upon the retirement of Arthur Perry after four years as its Clerk. This desire was very fully united with and Friends from all parts of the meeting voiced their appreciation of his unifying influence, his gift of appropriate expression, his sound judgment and sensitiveness to the spirit of the meeting. The acceptability of his service is felt to have been due to his close dependence upon the guidance of the Divine Spirit.

The Clerk is directed to make all necessary extracts from the Minutes of this Meeting and to sign them on its behalf.

Deep gratitude has been aroused in all our hearts for the blessings bestowed upon us at the several sittings of this Yearly Meeting. We have been spared from a merely perfunctory session, for though there has been but little secular business to take our attention we have been ever aware of the spiritual flow from the fountain Source of life. Our souls have been fed as with manna which we have had but to receive willingly in order that we might partake and be strengthened.

Gratefulness for the help and comfort brought to us by Friends from afar has been in our hearts and frequently upon our lips; and we have been brought particularly into expressions of love toward all groups of Friends.

Those who have been exercised in vocal ministry and supplication, especially, at our meetings for worship, have, as in unity, and with power, laid upon us the supreme revelation of God in Christ Jesus, and our dependence now upon the living Christ as the cornerstone of our church and as our ever-present strength.

We now conclude, purposing to meet at this place at the usual time next year if consistent with the Divine will.

Henry A. Perry
Clerk

MINUTES OF THE SESSION OF 1928

At New England Yearly Meeting of Friends held at Westerly, Rhode Island, with public meetings for worship on First Day the 3d of Sixth month, 1928; and on Second Day the 4th with meetings for discipline.

By accounts received from Rhode Island and Sandwich Quarterly Meetings, the representatives therein named to attend this Meeting are Lydia S. Perry, Charles Perry, Mary Foster Edgerton, Amos O. Foster, Alice Edge Perry, Samuel C. Webster, Mary Anna Oliver, Elizabeth G. Wilbur, Jesse R. Tucker, Anna Foster, Horace B. Foster, and William T. Oliver, whose names being called all were present except one, who later took his seat in the Meeting.

Nathaniel B. Jones, a minister of Philadelphia Yearly Meeting is in attendance, bearing a minute from Evesham Monthly Meeting of Friends (New Jersey), held Fifth Month, Tenth, 1928. His presence is acceptable to us, and his ministry, urging us to wholehearted acceptance of our Saviour, has been a strength to our Meetings. The Clerk is directed to furnish him with a copy of this minute signed on our behalf.

We record with satisfaction the attendance, without minutes, of our Friends, James M. Moon, a minister of Philadelphia Yearly Meeting, and Ann Sharpless, also a minister of Philadelphia Yearly Meeting, both of whom have directed our wills toward the Divine will, with the assurance that there, even in the very emptying of self, we shall attain unto the truly abundant life. The Clerk is directed to furnish them with copies of this minute signed on our behalf.

We are again brought, with a sense of deep gratitude, to acknowledge our debt both to these and to several other visiting Friends, whose coming we can but regard as an evidence of Divine favor. Their very presence constrains us to be more worthy of the love, both human and Divine, that we find bestowed upon us.

Information comes to this Meeting from Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Friends that Jessie Gidley Carter and Henry T. Gidley have been appointed to the station of elder.

Epistles, addressed to this Meeting have been read which have been received from Iowa, Western, North Carolina, Kansas, Canada, Ohio, Philadelphia, and London Yearly Meetings, and from Fritchley General Meeting.

To New England Yearly Meeting of Friends:

Dear Friends:

Your message to us made us glad, for through it we felt the fellowship of the spirit in a common cause.

Christ knew the life of the people about him so intimately that he was able to be the counselor of all whom he met. To him Jews, Gentiles, scribes, Pharisees, rulers, soldiers, tax collectors, rich, poor, outcast, women, thieves, demoniacs, fisherman, mothers and children were all Sons and Daughters of God. All were equally valued by Him. He was ever quick to take up the cause of the oppressed. His life and Spirit teach us that there is no race, no rank, no nationality among the sons of God. To apply these principles to the complex life of today is the task He sets before us. The necessity for a purity and a consecration of spirit to the will of God, before we gird ourselves to the task, has been emphasized in our worship together. The condition of different people in different lands, and the military situation at home and abroad, has been brought freshly to our consideration by Friends who knew through their experience the situation.

Located as our Meetings are in the great agricultural section of the country, and living as we do so much of the time in God's beautiful out of doors, it is easy to grow indifferent to the struggle between the oppressed and the oppressors.

Some of our members as individuals, in their choice of occupation are located in places where they have opportunities to carry out the concern that has been in our Meetings. We have been urged to make greater effort to abolish military training in our schools, and state schools, and to use our political power to influence legislation. We have been counseled to educate our children so that fears and prejudice will not blind them in applying Christ's love in all life's contacts.

The great crowd of Christian witnesses of the past, and the consecrated mystics of today are reminders that we have not yet fathomed the depths of the power of God to work in our lives. These Meetings of worship together have shown us again our need, and the way.

Signed by direction of the Meeting held at Hickory

Grove, near West Branch, Iowa, from the 12th of Tenth Month to the 17th of the same, 1927.

Wm. P. Young,
Alice L. Standing, Clerks.

Correspondents:

Howard T. Jones	West Branch,	Iowa.
John W. Mott	Springville,	Iowa.
Joseph Henderson	Paullina,	Iowa.
James E. Gooden	Dexter,	Iowa.

From Western Yearly Meeting of Friends held at Sugar Grove, near Plainfield, Indiana, by adjournments from the Second of Ninth Month to the Seventh of the same inclusive, 1927.

To New England Yearly Meeting of Friends:

Dear Friends:

We are again met with a goodly representation of our members, and with us several from other Yearly Meetings, all of whom show a definite interest in our welfare. We are glad to note your alertness to the problems that confront you in dealing with the labor situation, and we should all remember the words of Christ, "In as much as ye have done it unto one of the least of these, my brethren, ye have done it unto me." As a body we are small, but was it not a little leaven that leavened the whole lump? If our faith is justified by good works will we not recognize difficulties, and in overcoming them find our growth? We have many children in our midst and we feel our most important task, that of properly directing them. They, with their keen minds should receive from us, the truths of the ages, unhampered by the worries of life which may be in our paths. They are, as we have been told, Truth inheritors with a desire which leads them to be Truth winners, and thus become Truth bearers.

Commending you to the grace of God, we remain your friends.

Signed by direction and on behalf of Western Yearly Meeting of Friends.

Harvey Pickett
Annah S. Harvey, Clerks.

From North Carolina Yearly Meeting of Friends, held at Cedar Grove, in the town of Woodland, N. C. by adjournments, from the twentieth of Eighth Month to the twenty-fourth of the same, inclusive, 1927.

To New England Yearly Meeting of Friends:

Dear Friends:

It is with desires to be faithful in the performance of every divinely required duty, and to encourage you in the same, that we again address an epistle to you.

We have been encouraged by the loving messages received from the other Yearly Meetings with which we correspond and we realize that to encourage others and to continue to maintain the spirit of love, unity and Christian fellowship which is intended, this correspondence must be divinely directed, for that alone which comes from the life can cherish the same in others.

We feel that we cannot write anything but that which you already know, but we desire that all among you, as well as ourselves, may, with full faith, come into, or continue in whole-hearted obedience to him who is almighty and ever present, in whom alone is forgiveness, redemption, deliverance from temptation and preservation from the power of the deceiver and destroyer.

It is only in full submission to the influences of the spirit of Christ, our Lord and Saviour whose life is the light of men, that any can realize the danger of disobeying the inspeaking voice, the will of God inwardly revealed, or of slighting the divine visitations, which are not at our command, and it is only thus that we may be preserved from the great danger of procrastination which is one of the enemy's most successful snares, and also from the danger there is in endeavoring to comprehend spiritual things by the natural intellect or understanding which invariably leads into doubt, confusion and error, for, "The natural man receiveth not the things of the spirit of God; for they are foolishness unto him; neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned." And, "The world by its wisdom knows not God."

By obedience to the light of Christ we would avoid the deadness, the darkness, the luke-warmness and indifference which is caused by "The cares of this life, the deceitfulness of riches and the lust of other things, and there would be more earnest zeal for righteousness among us."

In this divine light alone is true discernment, the true judgment, unity and fellowship. "Then shall ye return, and discern between the righteous and the wicked; between him that serveth God, and him that serveth him not." And "He that is spiritual judgeth all things." As to fellowship, we should so live that it may be plainly seen that, "Truly our fellowship is with the Father, and with His Son Jesus Christ, for it is not safe to fellowship any but such as these."

William Penn wrote, "In that day we judged not after the sight of the eye, or after the hearing of the ear; but according to the light and sense this blessed principle gave us, so we judged and acted in reference to things and persons, ourselves and others; yea, toward God our Maker. For being quickened by it in our inward man, we could easily discern the difference of things, and feel what was right, and what was wrong, and what was fit, and what not, both in reference to religious and civil concerns. That being the ground of the fellowship of all saints, it was in that our fellowship stood. In this we desired to have a sense of one another, acted toward one another, and all men, in love, faithfulness and fear.

A succession of concerned, discerning members among us as a people rests largely with parents, as sons and daughters who are rightly trained and brought under the restraints of right home discipline are much more apt to come into obedience to the restraining, regenerating power of the Holy Spirit, by which they may be able rightly to

fill their places in the church. Parents should seek divine wisdom, which they must have, to perform their duties aright and be preserved from neglect therein through a false tenderness or through their own indulgence in "the lusts of the flesh, the lust of the eye and the pride of life."

It is a serious thing to be, in any degree, responsible for a lost soul or a wasted life, through neglect in parental or any other duty.

We desire that the children and youth may not only obey their earthly parents, but also their Heavenly Father, the King of kings, who, if allowed, would rule every thougnt, word, and action and preserve in innocent cheerfulness and out of the lightness, the foolishness and giddiness which dissipates and drowns all that is divine.

Any who would find the truth have not far to seek, for "The Word," which is Christ, who is the truth, "is nigh thee," and takes up his abode with all who are obedient to him. The Spirit of truth alone can lead into all truth and give the right apprehension thereof. We would have you dear young Friends adopt the principles and uphold and perpetuate our testimonies through the authority and conviction of the heavenly principle, "that spirit into which the people of God drink, and come to be spiritually minded, and of one heart and one soul."

We conclude with the words in which king David delivered his dying charge to his son,- words which it has been said all young persons should consider as addressed to themselves and to engraven deeply on their hearts. "And thou, Solomon my son, know thou the God of thy father, and serve him with a perfect heart, and with a willing mind; for the Lord searcheth all hearts, and understandeth all the imaginations of the thoughts; If thou seek him, he will be found of thee; but if thou forsake him, he will cast thee off forever."

"Now unto the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only wise God, be honor and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

With Christian interest and tender love, we are your friends.

Signed on behalf of the Meeting.

Anderson M. Barker,
Mary J. Peele, Clerks.

From Kansas Yearly Meeting of Friends held near Galena, Kansas from the 22d of Tenth Month to the 26th inclusive.

To New England Yearly Meeting of Friends:

Dear Friends:

We are assembled for the purpose of transacting the business that generally claims our attention at our usual gatnerings. We rejoice that the unity of Spirit which is the bond of peace has been felt amongst us. We do not believe anyone could look out upon the world with a heart filled with the love of God without feeling deeply

interested in the many problems that are calling for solution at this time. When Christ told his Disciples to lift up their eyes and behold the whitened fields he counseled them to pray to the Lord of the harvest that he would send forth laborers into the fields, and when we pray for the gathering of the harvest there ought to be a willingness on our part to heed the call when it comes to us. No physician can permanently heal a disease without removing the cause, as the cause of the evils that confront us at this time is the sinful condition the world is in. As we have ever held forth to the world, that sin can only be eradicated from the human heart by the life and power of God operating in them, it seems to us that our one great mission in the world will be like that of the apostle who was sent to turn men from darkness unto light, and from the power of Satan unto God. When His redeeming power has done its work it brings all into peace with God and in love to their fellowmen. If the anointing which we have received of Him abides in us, it will teach how to walk before the world in a way that will bring honor to His name.

With a salutation of love we remain your friends.

Signed by direction of the Meeting.

Samantha J. Osborn,
Ary J. Peacock, Clerks.

From Canada Yearly Meeting of Friends held at Norwich, Ontario, by adjournments from the 17th of Sixth month to the 21st of the same, inclusive, 1927.

To New England Yearly Meeting of Friends:

Dear Friends:

Our Yearly Meeting is again permitted to meet, as it were, a handful of those who are minded to do what little they can to encourage one another to hold fast that which is good, serving the Lord with sincerity of heart. These times may be to us, as a time to gather strength from above, as well as from the fellowship with one another, for greater service in the world.

If the Lord destines a servant to hard labor He gives him food sufficient to strengthen him for the work set apart for him. Oh that He may qualify and send forth more laborers into his vineyard, for the harvest is plenteous, but the laborers are few.

How little we know of the workings of the light of truth in the mass of the people, therefore, how little we know of what is needed to help that inspiration that is already there, which is placed there by that same hand that is leading His ministers.

One of your members is very acceptably in attendance. We have not received an epistle from you, but we understand there was one prepared.

Words might be multiplied but may this short message carry to you a little of our love and sympathy with you.

Let us in all phases of life "trust in the Lord with

all our hearts, and lean not to our own understanding, and in all our ways acknowledge Him, that He may direct our paths."

We are your friends.

Signed by direction and on behalf of Canada Yearly Meeting of Friends.

Mordecai F. Starr,
Catharine T. Mekeel, Clerks.

Correspondent:
Albert Pollard.

From Ohio Yearly Meeting of Friends, held at Stillwater, near Barnesville, Ohio, by adjournments from the 10th of the Ninth Month to the 15th of the same, inclusive, 1927.

To New England Yearly Meeting of Friends:

Dear Friends:

Your epistle and those from other Yearly Meetings have been heard with deep interest, and our love goes out to you, our brethren and sisters.

Our blessed Lord said: "By their fruits ye shall know them", and we know that when we experience, by divine grace, a change of heart, and submit to the teaching of the Holy One within us, to follow His guidance, He will lead us out from all evil into a state of purity. So if we have known the working of His Holy Spirit in the heart, our actions, our words, our conduct will bear witness thereto.

May we keep so near to Him that we shall feel for all those with whom we have to do, that love that He bade us have one for another.

But oh, may we be very faithful and obedient to our Heavenly Father's every requisition, that He may yet find amongst us fit instruments publicly to speak in His name, and to invite those who have not received Him, and those who have wandered from the fold, to come to Him who is not willing that any should perish. And may we not run, as some do, when we are not sent, but let us remember that none are rightly authorized publicly to advocate His cause except a burden and necessity be laid upon them, so that they can say with the apostle: "Woe is unto me, if I preach not the gospel".

With love we remain your friends.

Signed by direction and on behalf of the Meeting.

W. Mifflin Hall,
Beulah Edgerton, Clerks.

From the Religious Society of Friends of Philadelphia and Vicinity.

To New England Yearly Meeting of Friends:

Dear Friends:

"Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended, but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark, for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus." This is the spirit with which we would encourage one another and all Friends everywhere to face the days that lie before us.

We are fully aware of the world's great needs,- its physical needs and its more urgent spiritual hunger. We believe that a great and difficult task awaits the hands of Christ's followers, the translation of words into deeds, of principles into life, but the application of His teaching to the complex problems of society and even to our own personal conduct is a problem that not only challenges our courage but often confuses both old and young among us. When we compare the warnings of Jesus in regard to wealth with our own attitude toward it, we are uncomfortable, but when it comes to action we are honestly puzzled as to what we ought to do.

Once long ago truth was hidden from the wise and prudent and was revealed to babes. Are we too wise and prudent? Do we calculate too anxiously the immediate consequences of our actions forgetting that principle is the surest guide and that the most far reaching results are often beyond our knowing?

Do we live the kind of Christianity that made the founders of our Society a vital force? They affected the thought and institutions of their day. Our brief efforts during the war to live out some of the implications of our peace testimony gained for us a reputation which is unsustained by our present easy and acquiescent lives. Assuredly we are called to fresh forms of strenuous revolt against the shallowness, the materialism, the love of pleasure of our time, and against many of its standards of value or success.

We have seen the transforming power of Christ in history and in personal experience. We know that Christianity can change the world. But if Christians are to change it, they will have to renew their efforts towards a fresh and more convincing demonstration of the transforming power that we call love. Love is something more than outward service, important as that service is. It is an attitude, a spirit, from which all loving action flows. It regards every man with boundless faith and unquenchable hope. It sees him as a "vast reservoir of spiritual force, unused, undeveloped, perhaps even unborn, but waiting for liberation." It unites us with all others, making us feel that we are "inseparable elements of one another" so that when others hunger we hunger, when they thirst we thirst, when they are in prison we are in prison and when they rejoice we rejoice.

Here is our high calling. To think of it, to speak of it, to preach it, is one thing, an easy thing. But to live it is infinitely difficult. Assailed by the temptations of life and the pressure of the world about us, too often our faith falters, our convictions give way, our efforts relax. We compromise and conform. But for what are we united in the world as a Society of Friends if it is not to encourage one another to more triumphant faith and more persistent love? Let us lay aside every weight,

suffering gladly if need be, knowing that only so can we experience the full joy of victorious love. And to whom shall we look for inspiration and strength if not to Him, who, when the forces of darkness and death seemed to be closing in about Him, rallied His followers with the message, "Be of good cheer, I have overcome the world"?

Signed by direction and on behalf of the Religious Society of Friends of Philadelphia and Vicinity, meeting at Fourth and Arch Streets, Third Month 26th to 30th, 1928.

John D. Carter
Elizabeth B. Jones, Clerks.

Wm. B. Harvey, Secretary.

From London Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends, held in London, from the 30th to the 26th of Fifth Month, 1927.

To Friends Everywhere:

Dear Friends:

Meeting for the first time in our new home we have been filled with thankfulness to God, remembering all the way He has led us. We stand on the threshold of fresh and grave responsibilities, acknowledging the rich heritage of testimony which is ours from the past, and the faithfulness of those into whose labours and sacrifice we have entered; and we think of a house of the Lord's building, a temple not made with hands, and seek to dedicate, not the beauty of stone and wood, but the holy service of our lives.

We have at our doors one of the crowded areas of London, and we look out also on what will become one of the largest student centers of the world.

But not in London alone do great opportunities confront us. In the Far East, in Africa, in Europe and in the heart of every industrial country men are deeply perplexed. A new China is struggling into being; the new relations of East and West are fraught with untold danger and difficulty, but rich also in new possibilities of understanding and co-operation. The critical situation between Great Britain and Russia at this moment is typical of the volcanic basis on which international relations are at present founded. We know that at any moment the fires of hatred may break out and engulf the slowgrown plants of peace.

At home we have unemployment, unsecurity and the painful contrast between poverty and ease. We are all entangled in the industrial machine. Though the masses suffer dumbly many a man asks the challenging question - Is there any escape except through violence? We are conscious of tragic increase in that bitterness of spirit and warping of judgment which makes a Christian social order so hard to obtain.

For the sake of the people revolutions are made and the people pay the price. Force is hailed as the bringer

of the new world of righteousness and peace, and Western nations have given the Far East too much ground for believing that justice and self respect can only be secured by military power.

And yet through it all we see Him whose earthly coming was a gospel of peace, a destroying of the barriers which keep men apart, a revelation of the family of God. To catch a glimpse of His method of reconciling service is to realize the poverty of our discipleship, and it is His unseen presence today that reveals to us our insincerity and self-satisfaction, the sluggishness of soul and the indolence of mind, which prevent us from playing our true part in the great drama of life, a drama wherein we are actors, not merely spectators.

How little we know, how little we care to know, of that identification with the downtrodden, the unhappy, the restless which we see in Jesus. To be members of Christ's body is no mere matter of theological doctrine; it is an experience of which we know far too little, both as regards its pain and its power. To be members of His body is to share His outreaching love to men, the urgency and joy of His service. When we dare to follow Him wholly, the power we need is ours.

During this Yearly Meeting we have seen something more of what we ought to be and do. We have seen the dawning of a new dedication for our Society and for every member of it. May there come that revealing which is born of devotion, that courage which comes of losing our selfhood in the living Christ.

Signed in and on behalf of London Yearly Meeting.

Roger Clark, Clerk.

From Fritchley General Meeting of Friends, held at Fritchley, England, the 2nd and 3rd of Fifth Month, 1928, to the Meetings of Friends with which we correspond on the American continent and elsewhere.

Dear Friends:

We are assured that "the foundation of God standeth sure, having this seal that the Lord knoweth them that are his," and that "other foundation can no man lay than tnat which is laid, which is Jesus Christ," and we believe these inspired declarations of the great Apostle will ever remain infallibly true.

In his discourse on the Vine, our Saviour has shown us very clearly the intimate relationship that must exist between Him and his followers. "Abide in me and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself except it abide in the vine, no more can ye, except ye abide in me. I am the Vine, ye are the branches: he that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit, for without me ye can do nothing." And until, through the enlightening influence of his Spirit, we come to realize, in the words of George Fox, that "we are nothing, Christ is all," we cannot bear fruit to his praise.

It was the experimental realization of these foundation truths of Christianity and true religion that led our predecessors in the Truth to withdraw from the formal and lifeless religious performances of their day and to meet together to wait in silence before God for the arising of his life and power amongst them, that so they might worship Him in spirit and in truth.

In thus waiting, in the nothingness of self, they were favored to experience in an eminent degree that which is the crown of every rightly gathered company of worshippers, the fulfillment of Christ's promise, "Where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them."

Christ became to them, in truth, their light and their leader, and they realized in their spiritual experience that which the Apostle wrote of: "But the anointing which ye have received of him abideth in you, and ye have no need that any man teach you, but as the same anointing teacheth you of all things, and is truth and is no lie, and even as it has taught you, ye shall abide in him."

"I have met," wrote Isaac Penington, "with the true peace, the true righteousness, the true holiness, the true rest of the soul, the everlasting habitation which the redeemed dwell in, and I know all these to be true, and am capable of no doubt or reasoning in my mind about them."

This precious state of being thus grown up and established in the Trust, through faithfulness to the divine gift of grace, is a high attainment and cannot be reached merely by man's wisdom, or laid hold of in his own time and will. "Let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall." It needs the daily watching unto prayer, the earnest wrestling for the blessing, a growth in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, the ceasing from our own works as God did from his, to fit us for that rest and spiritual sabbath, which remaineth for the people of God.

It is nevertheless, as our first Friends never ceased to proclaim, the goal set before us in the Christian race. "Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father who is in heaven is perfect," was Christ's injunction to his disciples, and, in his epistle to the Colossians the apostle writes: "As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk ye in him, rooted and built up in him, and established in the faith, as ye have been taught, abounding therein with thanksgiving."

The gospel of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, we believe, is adapted to every capacity, and it is sufficient for every need. The apostle describes it as "the power of God in salvation, to everyone that believeth." It is not by speculation, but sensation, not by reasoned disquisitions, however learned, but by inward feeling, that we can reach that knowledge of the deep things of God, which is hid from the wise and prudent of this world but revealed unto babes in Christ.

To those of you, dear friends, who feel, like ourselves, poor, stripped, and few in number, our sympathy specially goes out, with the desire that neither you nor we may be unduly discouraged. Rather may we endeavor to "lift up the hands which hang down," to strengthen

"the feeble knees, and make straight paths for our feet, lest that which is lame be turned out of the way, but let it rather be healed," having the assurance that "the righteous shall hold on his way, and he that hath clean hands shall wax stronger and stronger."

The acceptable epistles received from you have been read to our comfort and encouragement, as also our instruction.

With the salutation of love we remain your friends.

Signed in and on behalf of Fritchley General Meeting of Men and Women Friends, held at Fritchley, England, the 2d and 3rd of Fifth Month, 1928.

Edward Watkins, Clerk.

We ever value the receipt of epistles from other Yearly Meetings. Scattered geographically, and organically independent, we are helped through personal visits and the exchange of correspondence to be as members of one family. The epistles received this year are deeply searching, so pointing to the need of laborers in a whitened harvest, that it must indeed dissolve our complacency. The true way is kept always clear before us in these messages that we strive not by our own strength alone, but through the leadings of the spirit of God within us; for only thus can we hope to be truly helpful in reaching the perplexing problems of the world which are at foundation problems of the human soul.

Anna H. Chace, Elizabeth G. Wilbur, William T. Oliver, Horace B. Foster and Annie Gidley Lowry are appointed to consider other communications which have been addressed to this Meeting and to present such of them to the Meeting at a later sitting as seem to them desirable.

We appoint Annie G. Lowry, Lydia S. Perry, Phebe F. Perry, Mary J. Foster Edgerton and Thomas Perry to prepare, as way may open, epistles or a general epistle in reply to some or all of the communications which have been received.

We appoint Anna Foster, Amos O. Foster and Anna H. Chace to prepare a summary of the answers to the Queries and to present it at the sitting this afternoon.

We appoint Amos O. Foster and Jesse R. Tucker to examine the accounts of the Treasurer, to propose the name of a successor, and to present their report at a future sitting.

The representatives are requested to meet at the close of this sitting to propose the name of a Friend for Clerk and the name of another Friend for Assistant Clerk, and to report at the opening of the Meeting this afternoon.

A communication was read, addressed to this Yearly Meeting, and signed by George M. Warner and William B. Harvey on behalf of the Representative Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends of Philadelphia and Vicinity expressing a concern that Friends generally use their efforts to discourage at least the compulsory feature of military training in many of the schools and colleges of the United States, particularly the Land Grant Colleges. The concern was fully united with, and the matter was referred to the Meeting for Sufferings for such definite action as may seem suitable. The Clerk of this Yearly Meeting is instructed to acknowledge the communication, and to state our sympathy with its purposes.

Adjourned to 3:30 o'clock this afternoon.

Second Day afternoon Friends again assembled at about the hour adjourned to. Names of the representatives being called all were present except one.

Horace B. Foster on behalf of the representatives reports that they are united in proposing the name of Henry H. Perry for Clerk and Emma T. Oliver for Assistant Clerk. Their names being separately considered the proposition was united with and they are appointed to those services for the ensuing year or until others are appointed in their places.

The Queries were read at this time with answers thereto from Rhode Island and Sandwich Quarterly Meetings together with a summary prepared by the Committee appointed at our first sitting which is thought to describe our present state, and the Clerk is directed to record the same.

SUMMARY ANSWERS

Ans. 1. All our religious meetings for worship and discipline have been held with the exception of three evening meetings. The hour for gathering observed, and Friends endeavor to present themselves in a living and receptive frame of mind.

Ans. 2. Love and Unity are in a good degree maintained. Friends are careful not to injure the reputation of others. When differences arise Friends endeavor to end them.

Ans. 3. Friends are faithfully concerned to uphold our testimony to a waiting spiritual worship and to a free gospel ministry exercised under the immediate authority and anointing of the Holy Spirit. There are some instances of attending Meetings of other denominations.

Ans. 4. Friends mostly are concerned to bring up those under their care in simplicity of speech, deportment, and apparel, to guide their reading and conversation into right channels and to guard them from all harmful influences. They strive to be good examples herein themselves. The Holy Scriptures are frequently read in their families.

Ans. 5. Friends endeavor to advance the cause of temperance. They are careful in their choice of diversions and conduct all activities with simplicity.

Ans. 6. No Friends at present need pecuniary aid. Our members endeavor to keep their children under the care and influence of Friends.

Ans. 7. Friends are clear in regard to the various parts of this query with one exception of taking the judicial oath.

Ans. 8. Friends are careful to live within the bounds of their circumstances and to keep to moderation in their business; to be punctual to their promises, just in the payment of debts and honest in all their dealings.

Ans. 9. Parents are concerned to instruct their children in the principles of Truth professed by Friends, and careful to guard against unsuitable marriages. Marriages, births, deaths and burials are recorded. One family has moved to another locality without taking certificates, there being no Meeting established in that vicinity.

Ans. 10. We believe a care rests with Friends to deal with offenders when necessary as the Discipline requires.

Ans. 11. Friends do endeavor to live in the virtue of that life and power that takes away the occasion of all wars, to abstain from military matters, and to promote according to our ability the growth of the spirit of Christian brotherhood in the conduct of all human relations.

There were several expressions of concern that Friends should use every right endeavor to uphold the cause of prohibition in this country. We were also encouraged, in the problem of our usefulness from day to day, to trust in the power of goodness even though because of our limitations it might act as but a little leaven. A strong concern was expressed that those having charge of children should strive intelligently to fit them to meet the new and serious problems with which the younger generation is faced; and it was urged that our first step be so to open the home to the Master that his presence shall be felt by all who dwell there.

A cable received from London Yearly Meeting was read and the Clerk is directed to reply thereto.

> Greetings and warm expressions of Christian sympathy from London Yearly Meeting
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> Morland

This Meeting refers to the Peace Committee a communication from the American Friends Service Committee in which is set forth a review of its work and of its program for the future.

There were expressions of appreciation and of satisfaction in the presence with us today of several members of the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England.

There were read Epistles addressed to this Meeting from the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England held at Providence and from Philadelphia Yearly Meeting of Friends held at Race Street, Philadelphia.

From the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England in session at Providence, from the 24th to the 29th of Sixth Month, 1927.

To New England Yearly Meeting of Friends:

Dear Friends:

> Your epistle has been read in our Meeting, and has filled us with joy in the knowledge of our increasing comradeship.

As Friends everywhere draw closer together in spirit, we hope that you may continue to bring us the encouragement of your words; and we, too, are united in the desire to make you acquainted with some of the problems we meet as we try to realize the mind of Christ.

With the desire that Friends of all branches of our spiritual heritage may soon gather in conference, our Yearly Meeting is in full harmony. The Quaker family can unitedly worship; and out of our worship have arisen many common tasks. Though it may be that not all the convictions peculiar to one group are expressed by the other, we believe that we need to understand one another, and we know that those who worship together build their friendship on the surest foundation.

Our gathering this year has deepened our concern to make our lives conform to the ways of the Kingdom of God. We are appalled by the greatness of the task of ridding the world of war; and we are increasingly conscious of elements imbedded in our social order inimicable to the spirit of love. Yet, while we would not deceive ourselves as to the extent of the forces of evil, we are encouraged to renewed effort by the reports of problems solved, and by the presence with us - though they are all too few - of newly convinced Friends whose earnestness shames our complacency.

In all your gatherings for worship and for deliberation, in your smallest meetings and in your annual sessions, we pray for you the abiding presence of the Spirit of Christ, in whose fellowship we, too, would humbly company.

Signed on behalf of the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England.

Lindley M. Binford, Clerk.

Correspondents:
George C. Herbert
Lettie M. Bailey

From Philadelphia Yearly Meeting of Friends held at Fifteenth and Race Streets, Philadelphia, Pa.

To New England Yearly Meeting:

Dear Friends:

The past year has witnessed within our ranks notable progress in friendly unity. Various individuals and groups have realized a closer fellowship through sharing a common task and feeling a common desire to demonstrate Christ's way of life. This, which represents our Society at its best, has attracted to our ideals many who long for corporate fellowship with a group of like-minded persons. Such people form a potential Society of Friends - Twentieth Century Seekers. Like George Fox and the early Friends can we not bring them the message they crave? Can we not manifest in our separate Meetings, and in our individual lives loyalty to the Quaker ideals, which regard peace not as a theory but as a way of life, and recognize freedom of speech as a liberating, clarifying experience?

"Loyalty", says Josiah Royce, "is the willing and

practical and thoroughgoing devotion of a person to a cause, for which he is ready to live or die as the cause directs."

Our testimonies must be reinterpreted in the light of the age in which we live. When we measure our lives and our Meetings against the standard of the spirit of Jesus Christ we find that we fall far short.

Our young people face a world full of increasing problems, among which those of race and class and government loom large. Where shall they turn for strength if their Meetings fail them? Our Meetings for worship should be the center and source of our group-life. Unless we ourselves apply our spiritual experience to the biggest problems of life about us, we fail the new generation. We cannot urge our young people to heights we dare not climb ourselves. Together we must protest against the growing tendency to materialism.

The Society of Friends is in a state of crisis; in other periods of its history it has experienced other crises, out of which have come spiritual leadership and progress in truth. Society as a whole is in a crisis; having lost its hold upon God, it is like a ship without a pilot aimlessly drifting into troubled waters.

The present crisis must be met in a way adapted to the special needs of this age of fundamental change. Consecration of mind, heart and life are called for, so that the human family may be spiritually prepared to meet the problems that confront it.

Several of our members returning from world-tours have brought to us from the Orient not only a challenge of service to these countries whose people are seeking new ways of self-expression, but also the inspiration they gained from contact with Gandhi - a great prophet of our time. We, like Gandhi, must individually give our loyalty, not to the world that is, but to the world that ought to be.

Deeply conscious of the strong tie that unites us, we close our epistle with the prayer that the blessing of our Heavenly Father may be upon you in the deliberations of your Yearly Meeting.

Signed on behalf of Philadelphia Yearly Meeting of Friends, held at Fifteenth and Race Streets, Fifth month 9th to 13th, 1927.

George A. Walton, Clerk.

Adjourned to Third Day afternoon at 3:00 o'clock.

Third Day afternoon, the Fifth instant, at about the hour adjourned to Friends again assembled. The names of the representatives being called all are present but two.

The records of the Meeting for Sufferings were read and

united with. These records note the proposal of Sandwich Quarterly Meeting that its sessions be held in the same months as formerly, but on the first Seventh Days instead of the first Fifth Days in those months. The proposal is approved by this Yearly Meeting.

It was concluded to reappoint Jesse R. Tucker, Amos O. Foster, Anna H. Chace, Charles Perry, Job S. Gidley, Elizabeth G. Wilbur, Eunice B. Nichols, Isabel L. Gifford, Arthur Perry, Lucy W. Foster, Horace B. Foster, James W. Oliver, Mary C. Foster, Mary Anna Oliver, Anna A. Gardner, Thomas Perry, Eunice B. Clark, Harvey C. Perry, Henry H. Perry, William T. Oliver, Emma T. Oliver, Mary E. Foster, Elizabeth M. Chace, Phebe F. Perry, Henry C. Foster, Samuel C. Webster, Clara Elizabeth Perry, Lydia S. Perry, Alice W. Gidley, and to appoint Mary J. F. Edgerton to constitute the Meeting for Sufferings for the ensuing year, its first sitting to be held on Fourth Day, Sixth Month Sixth following the rise of the Yearly Meeting.

The Committee appointed to examine and settle the Treasurer's accounts report that they have attended to that service and that they find the books have been correctly kept with proper vouchers filed. The accounts show a balance of cash on hand amounting to $1,478.87. The Committee propose the name of Harvey C. Perry for Treasurer for the ensuing year. The report is satisfactory and he is appointed Treasurer for the ensuing year.

The Peace Committee presented its report which is satisfactory, and the Clerk is requested to record the same.

REPORT OF PEACE COMMITTEE

The work of the committee the past year has been chiefly educational. Meetings on the subjects of war prevention and the creation of harmony between races and sects have been held in the different localities where members live. The first Meeting in Providence was chosen as an inspirational one for

the members of our own Yearly Meeting and those of the other New England Yearly Meetings living in Providence. This supper Meeting was addressed by Alfred C. Garrett who told of the Lausanne Conference on Faith and Order.

The following speakers have been secured in different sections: Benjamin Gerig who spoke to two groups on Arbitration; Thomas Que Harrison who was obtained as speaker on "Youth for Peace" for a Forum Meeting; Crystal Bird for whom a public meeting was arranged and also an address before four hundred High School students. The latter lecture "On Being Young and Colored" made a strong appeal to the pupils and the teachers were appreciative of its value. Two public meetings were held with speakers from the League of Women Voters who talked on International Relations. At the time of this Yearly Meeting session Carolena Wood at the request of the committee has given an address on her Nicaraguan visit. This meeting which was thrown open to the public was attended by a number of the town's people.

One member of the committee has given talks to school children on timely peace topics and to the W.C.T.U. Articles on peace have been supplied to a local newspaper. The Committee has encouraged non-Friends as well as members to send protest letters to Senators and Representatives against the Big Navy Bill and has circulated literature on the subject.

Three members of the Committee have reviewed history text books for the American Association of University Women who are trying to obtain information regarding the amount and quality of military material in histories used in the schools.

The Committee's funds this year, aside from the expenses of its own work, have been donated to two organizations, $150 to the American Friends Service Committee and $250 to the National Council for the Prevention of War.

On behalf of the Committee
Elizabeth Perry

Our attention was called also to the desirability of writing to Secretary Kellogg commending the action of the government in regard to the multilateral agreements to outlaw war.

Our Friend Carolena M. Wood, who is most acceptably in attendance at this Meeting, explained to us an unusual opportunity to join with others in making a definite expression of Friendship to the people of Mexico through the sending of "Book-Bags" to large numbers of the school children of that country.

The Committee is encouraged in its work, and the sum of $500 is appropriated to be subject to the order of the Peace Committee for the ensuing year. It is concluded to reappoint to the Peace Committee for the ensuing year Henry T. Gidley, Emma T. Oliver, Henry H. Perry, Anna Foster, Job S. Gidley, C. Elizabeth

Perry, Thomas P. Nichols, Thomas Perry, Eva L. Foster, Harvey C. Perry, Lydia S. Perry, Millicent S. Foster, Anna Ethelyn Foster, Elizabeth M. Chace and Phebe F. Perry.

Several members of the Book and Tract Committee gave oral reports in regard to the use of Books and Tracts. The Committee is authorized to draw upon the Treasury of the Yearly Meeting to meet expenses, to an amount not exceeding $100. Jesse R. Tucker, Arthur Perry, Anna A. Gardner, Anna H. Chace, Elizabeth G. Wilbur, Emma Foster Perry, Gertrude E. Foster, James W. Oliver, Mary Elizabeth Foster, Elizabeth E. Gidley and Elizabeth Perry are reappointed to constitute the Committee for the ensuing year.

A General Epistle prepared by the Epistle Committee was read and the Meeting united in adopting it. The Clerk is instructed to transcribe the epistle in the records, sign it on our behalf and send it to the several Meetings from which epistles were received at this session of our Yearly Meeting and, in addition, to Dublin Yearly Meeting.

GENERAL EPISTLE

In our Yearly Meeting sessions we have been keenly aware of the presence of God's Holy Spirit. It has tendered our hearts, it has uplifted our spirits, it has strengthened our desires to labor in the whitened harvest field of the Lord.

As epistles from other Yearly Meetings have been read, we have been again and again reminded of the need for love and unselfish service everywhere and for all men. While we recognize the magnitude of the tasks that confront every faithful follower of Christ, in this perplexed world, we must not yield to discouragement, we must not shrink into ourselves, we must not rely on tradition, we must not surrender to the deadly destructiveness of inertia.

Rather we must leave the security of accustomed ease, we must arise and go forth to seek our Lord, try to know his will for us, take up the particular task he assigns us to do, and perform that assignment, small or great, with all the strength of mind and heart and soul that a true consecration makes possible.

Could we all faithfully do this we should find it the most swift and effective way to bring the world's discord and ugliness into order and beauty.

May the God of all grace, who hath called us unto his eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after that ye have suffered a while make you perfect, establish, strengthen, settle you.
(1 Peter 5:10)

Charles Perry, Henry T. Gidley, Arthur Perry, James W. Oliver and Catharine Foster are appointed correspondents for the ensuing year.

It was concluded to refer the printing of the Minutes of the Yearly Meeting, those epistles which were received and read by us, and the General Epistle sent in reply thereto, to the Meeting for Sufferings.

The Clerk is directed to make all necessary extracts from the Minutes of this Meeting and to sign them on its behalf.

A suggestion that the Clerk be instructed to send a message of love to our dear Friends Job S. Gidley and Arthur Perry who have been unable to attend our session this year was fully united with.

In the sessions of this Yearly Meeting we have been deeply conscious of how heavily, in the past, we have leaned upon some who, at this session, have been unable to be with us. This sense of want has made many feel a responsibility where it seemed not laid, before, and has led them to look for inward strength, if haply they may become fit instruments of service for the Master. Most of us realize that this calls for a consecration of self for which we feel but ill prepared.

The presence of many Friends who have sat with us as visitors, and, with loving concern, have labored for us in address, ministry and supplication has been a blessing that we have gladly acknowledged.

God is eternal. He is no respecter of persons, neither of sects. His Spirit ever makes the same appeal to the hearts of men. But, as has been pointed out to us in these sessions, the world is ever changing, and that selfsame appeal in the hearts of men may lead them into new fields and unto vistas newly opened. While, therefore, we cling to the strongholds that have given birth to our rich traditions, we have been encouraged to keep our religious Society pure and clear in its principles, that as an instrument of our Heavenly Father it may be ever free to carry the gospel message with power to each generation.

With the assurance that his goodness never faileth them that put their trust in him we pray that we may be fervent in spirit and faithful in deeds.

We now conclude, purposing to meet at this place at the usual time next year if consistent with the Divine will.

Henry A. Perry Clerk

MINUTES OF THE SESSION OF 1929

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NEW ENGLAND YEARLY MEETING
of
FRIENDS

At New England Yearly Meeting of Friends held at Westerly, Rhode Island, with public meetings for worship on First Day the ninth of Sixth Month, 1929; and on Second Day the tenth with meetings for discipline.

By accounts received from Rhode Island and Sandwich Quarterly Meetings, the representatives therein named to attend this Meeting are Elizabeth Perry, Hannah W. Webster, Mary J. F. Edgerton, Amos O. Foster, William T. Oliver, Alice W. Gidley, Henry T. Gidley, Harry S. Goodwin, Mary E. Foster, Sarah W. Oliver and Anna Foster, whose names being called, all were present except one, who was unavoidably absent.

William B. Stanley, a minister in North Carolina Yearly Meeting of Friends, is in attendance with a minute from Holly Spring Monthly Meeting of Friends, held at Friendsville, (near Ramseur, North Carolina) Fourth Month, thirteenth, 1929, and with a concurring minute from Southern Quarterly Meeting of Men and Women Friends held at West Grove, in Alamance County, North Carolina, the twenty-seventh of Fourth Month, 1929. His ministry and his fellowship with us in the service of truth have been acceptable and strengthening. The Clerk is directed to furnish him with a copy of this minute, signed on our behalf.

Horace J. Edgerton, an overseer of Holly Spring Monthly Meeting, is in attendance bearing a minute from that Monthly Meeting and a concurring minute from Southern Quarterly Meeting (both held at the times and places in the foregoing minute herein referred to) liberating him as a companion to William B. Stanley. He is welcomed among us as acceptable

and helpful in his deportment and companionship. The Clerk is directed to furnish him with a copy of this minute signed on our behalf.

David C. Henderson, a member in Paullina Monthly Meeting, a branch of Iowa Yearly Meeting (conservative) is in attendance with a general minute of encouragement from that Monthly Meeting. We would add our encouragement to that of his own meeting, having felt unity in his presence with us, and in his counsel. The Clerk is directed to furnish him with a copy of this minute signed on our behalf.

We are glad to welcome amongst us, without minute, our dear Friend Esther Morton Smith, a minister in the Yearly Meeting of Friends for Philadelphia and Vicinity. Her sensitiveness to our needs and problems, those of our younger as well as older members, and the depth of her thought and spiritual conviction bring much strength and encouragement to this Meeting.

We record also the acceptable attendance of our dear Friend Henry J. Cadbury of Philadelphia who, as chairman of the American Friends Service Committee, has opened to us the purpose of the Committee to carry to other nations, through the united effort of Friends, something of their message of love and hope.

As in many years past, we have again been brought to a sense of solemnity through the concern of these and several other dear Friends, feeling as we do our unworthiness that they should come, many from afar, to join in worship and fellowship with us. Coming with the attitude of those who would only give, they may hardly realize the extent of our gratitude. We have been happy to welcome among them several visitors from meetings with which we have not regularly corresponded, but with which we have unity in the search for truth through the bond of Christ.

Elizabeth Perry, Eunice B. Clark and Amos O. Foster are appointed to inspect a Memorial of Job Scott Gidley which has

been forwarded to this Meeting by Sandwich Quarterly Meeting, and to report thereon at a later sitting.

Epistles, addressed to this Meeting have been read which have been received from Kansas, North Carolina, Ohio, Western, Iowa, Canada, Pritchley General Meeting, Philadelphia, London and Dublin Yearly Meetings.

From Kansas Yearly Meeting of Friends held at Spring River, near Galena, from the 27th of Tenth Month to the 31st, inclusive, 1928.

To New England Yearly Meeting of Friends:

Dear Friends:

We have again met, still a little group to answer, as usual, the requirements of our Society founded in Christian duty, and a feeling of nothingness on our part does not necessarily prevent us tarrying "at Jerusalem until" we "be endued with power from on high" to act according to the pointings of the Eternal Finger of Truth. However far we fall short of the fullness of Spiritual manhood, we realize the ownership of our Heavenly Father in sending his anointed amongst us, and happy are we if we avail ourselves of their assistance and profit by their consignments. The Epistles from other Yearly Meetings, including yours, are another source of comfort, consolation and admonition that we do not fail to greatly appreciate. We feel it our duty to address you in our feeble way as fellow travelers on the same highway of Christian duty, and all that we incline to say farther is that "He that endureth to the end the same shall be saved."

With a salutation of love we remain your friends.

Signed by direction of the Meeting.

Samantha J. Osborn
Ary J. Peacock, Clerks.

From North Carolina Yearly Meeting of Friends held at Cedar Grove, Woodland, N. C. from the 18th of Eighth Month to the 22nd of the same, inclusive, 1928.

To New England Yearly Meeting of Friends:

Dear Friends:

We have again been permitted to meet in a Yearly Meeting capacity, we trust, with a desire to serve the living God and Father of us all with a singleness of heart. The reading of epistles from the different Yearly Meetings within the circle of our correspondence has been an encouragement to us.

We, too, feel the loss of worthy standard bearers who have been called to their Eternal homes, and the query has been put before us, "Where are the mantels?" Why are they not caught up by others, even as Elijah's was by Elisha? We were told that we must return to the faithfulness of our forefathers, must come out from the world and stand firm for the testimonies and principles as promulgated by George Fox and his coagitators in order that our beloved Society might flourish and grow in the service of our Lord and Master Jesus Christ. The command is given in the Holy Scriptures, "Come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you, and will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty;" therefore let us cast off the world and worldly things putting on the whole armour of God and come out boldly on the Lord's side casting aside all fear of man which causes a shrinking from being a peculiar people such as Christ would have to follow him; for we are enjoined in Holy Writ to "let not our adorning be that of outward adorning of plaiting the hair, and wearing of gold, or of putting on of apparel; but let it be the hidden man of the heart, in that which is not corruptible, even the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit, which is in the sight of God of great price.

So many there are in this day who are ready to say that our so called minor testimonies mean nothing, are only tradition and out of date. We agree with them that they do not make the Christian. George Fox and his followers felt it to be a part of their religious duty, both in dress and address, as well as in other ways, to the teachings of our Saviour, taking up their cross daily that they might not be tempted to follow the ever changing customs and vain fashions of the world. Are not these testimonies, which are an outward expression of the truly penitent heart, as necessary today as ever they were? And do they not act as an hedge about us in keeping us from many of the harmful diversions and frivolities that are so tempting to the natural man?

Therefore it behooves us to seek diligently and prayerfully to know whether or not we are on the Lord's side and doing whatsoever He requires at our hands.

With a salutation of love, we are your friends.

Signed on behalf of the Meeting.

Anderson M. Barker
Mary J. Peele, Clerks

From Ohio Yearly Meeting of Friends held at Stillwater, near Barnesville, Ohio, by adjournments from the 8th of Ninth Month to the 13th of the same, inclusive, 1928.

To New England Yearly Meeting of Friends, held at Westerly, R.I.

Dear Friends:

We have again been favored to gather from our several homes, to our Yearly Meeting for the purpose of Divine worship and to transact the weighty affairs of the Church.

As we miss the presence of some who had been staunch supporters of the Truth, we realize our weakness and

unworthiness to attempt the labor before us. But thanks be unto God who has been with us in our need and caused us to rejoice in His mercy, experiencing the over-shadowing of His presence from day to day.

You refer to the magnitude of the work confronting us which the Lord may give us to behold, when we are brought into the wilderness, as the Lord by His prophet has said "I will allure her and bring her into the wilderness and speak comfortably unto her, and I will give her her vineyards from thence, and the valley of Achor for a door of hope." It is in this wilderness where all outward supports are removed that the highway is prepared for His ransomed ones. Here they experience, "every valley shall be exalted, and every mountain and hill shall be made low: and the crooked shall be made straight and the rough places plain. And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together."

Surely His name is "Wonderful" thus to provide for His people giving them wisdom and strength to walk in that narrow way, performing with alacrity and cheerfulness all His requirements. As this condition is brought forth in us as individuals and as a people, though through suffering, we may rest assured the fruit of righteousness shall appear and Truth shall prevail in our midst.

In love, we are your friends.

Signed by direction of Ohio Yearly Meeting of Friends.

W. Mifflin Hall
Beulah Edgerton, Clerks.

James Walton, Correspondent

From Western Yearly Meeting of Friends held at Sugar Grove, near Plainfield, Indiana, from the 31st of the Eighth Month to the 4th of the Ninth Month, inclusive, 1928.

To New England Yearly Meeting if Friends:

Dear Friends:

Though many miles are between us and the Yearly Meetings with which we correspond we were brought into a feeling of nearness to them and our hearts were touched with tenderness and love toward the little bands of those who are striving to follow the Saviour. We too are few in number but the Lord has met with us and overshadowed us with His presence. He has fed us as we sat at His feet, willing to hear and obey. What does He require of us but to: Do justly, love mercy and walk humbly with our God.

We are favored with the company of a few of the Lord's servants. Some of whom have given us words of instruction and encouragement, othersby their presence have been an inspiration. Since we have changed the time of holding our Yearly Meeting we have our young people with us. Their presence is helpful and we trust that with the present day educational advantages their influence for bringing Christ's Kingdom on earth may

reach far into the world. We believe they realize that unto whom much is given much shall be required, and we yearn for their upbuilding in Wisdom's ways.

The Lord's arm is not shortened that it cannot save, neither is His ear heavy that it cannot hear. In times of temptation, weakness and sorrow, may we all flee unto the strong Tower where we will find safety.

With a salutation of love we remain your friends.

Harvey Pickett
Annah S. Harvey, Clerks.

From Iowa Yearly Meeting of Friends held near Paullina, Iowa, from the 17th of the Tenth Month to the 22nd of the same, inclusive, 1928.

To New England Yearly Meeting of Friends:

Dear Friends:

We look forward to our Yearly Meeting as a time for spiritual refreshment; for the acquiring of more perfect ideals, as well as for the renewal of social contacts which go so far towards preserving the unity of the Society.

Not the least of the sources of inspiration and edification opened to us at our gatherings is the reading of our epistles from the Yearly Meetings with which we are in correspondence. We feel that the Spirit of the Lord has pervaded, and that His truth has, in a measure at least, been set forth in the pages of these epistles.

Let us strive to catch the Spirit of Truth; Let us endeavor to find out what is right for us to do in the changing conditions of the modern world, and let us embody in our correspondence such helpful counsel and encouragement as may keep it from being mere vain repetition and may continue it as a real force in bringing about understanding, sympathy and harmony among Friends.

It is our hope that way may open for a fuller co-operation, for a more united action of Friends on such pressing questions as the race problem, the liquor traffic, the problem of securing better conditions in industry and the problem of better education for world peace. We have been encouraged with the way in which Friends of your Yearly Meeting are meeting some of these problems. We believe that a sense of need is not in itself a sufficient qualification for effective service. This requires a complete dedication of our wills to the Divine Will. Thus we are fitted for His work and he will lead us into fields of service that will prove fruitful. These may be in spreading our influence in the quiet of the home, in our business or in more conspicuous places of public labor or leadership. Thus our part will be done in the building of the Kingdom.

We are with love, your Friends.

William P. Young } Clerks
& Correspondents
Alice L. Standing }

From Canada Yearly Meeting of Friends, held at Norwich, from the 22nd of Sixth Month to the 26th of the same, inclusive, 1928.

To New England Yearly Meeting of Friends:

Dear Friends:

As we have been permitted to meet again in this our annual gathering, we have realized afresh our dependence on the only source of power that can enable us to do any good thing, and we have been drawn to crave the blessing promised to those who gather in His name, even that He would condescend to be with us, strengthen and qualify us for the various duties devolving upon us, as members of the one body of which He is the Head.

In this body, the church, all are included who are humbly and earnestly concerned to abide under the direction of the Head and to be endued with power from Him for whatever service He may see meet to call them unto. We are instructed that we must not say to the hand or the foot, "I have no need of thee" for all are necessary to the perfect working of the whole, and if one or more become diseased, the others will suffer in consequence. That diseases have developed in the Christian church is very evident, and in the Society of Friends, in particular, so it is in order that we seek earnestly to do our part toward restoring its health. We have felt assured that there is "balm in Gilead, and a Physician there, who is ready to heal all the diseases of His people, if we all set ourselves with full purpose of heart to "turn unto the Lord who will have mercy upon us, and to our God for He will abundantly pardon."

We do feel that we were given high ideals to hold up before the world, and we are sure that love is the leading characteristic of the disciples of Jesus. Oh! how conscious we are, at times, of failure in living up to these high ideals! Not one of us is sufficient for these things; as Paul wrote: "In me, that is in my flesh dwelleth no good thing"; yet he could say "I can do all things through Christ who strengtheneth me." "and the life that I now live in the flesh, I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me." So may we be encouraged to persevere in this struggle with flesh and blood, which our Saviour declared, cannot inherit the kingdom of Heaven. It must be crucified and laid in the dust before we can experience resurrection power.

The reading of these epistles from other Yearly Meetings do help to bring us nearer together in sympathetic interest and loving fellowship, as they carry with them the true Christian spirit and are received in the same. We have been impressed also with the great need for earnest laborers in the harvest field of the world and have felt encouraged to know that so many have responded to what they felt called into, trusting they are deeply conscious of the responsibility of showing forth the spirit of Him in whose name they go. May we all renewedly dedicate our lives to the service of such a loving Master.

A few visitors from another Yearly Meeting are with us whose company and loving interest are helpful.

We are your friends in the bonds of Christian love.

Signed by direction of the Meeting.

Mordecai F. Starr
Catharine T. Mekeel, Clerk

From Fritchley General Meeting of Friends, held at Fritchley, the 1st and 2nd of Fifth Month, 1929, to the Meetings of Friends with which we correspond on the American Continent.

Dear Friends:

In again addressing you in this way our dear distant brethren and sisters, in response to your loving salutations, we are very sensible of our weakness, and are ready to say with Gideon "My family is poor in Manasseh and I am the least in my father's house, wherewith shall I save Israel?" but the record of that great deliverance is a proof, as another Hebrew leader was admonished, that it is "not by might nor by power" but by his Spirit that the Lord's purposes are effected.

Since we last met as a General Meeting we have been deprived by death of two of our members, Thomas Davidson, and Jesse Darbyshire, who had long been as standard-bearers amongst us, and who had at various times visited your land in gospel love to promote the spread of the Redeemer's kingdom. They rest from their labours, their works follow them, and they have their reward, we cannot doubt, but we mourn their loss and feel our fewness and strippedness.

We know it is truly said "the fathers where are they, and the prophets do they live for ever?" and our hopes and expectations turn to the rising generation amongst us, with earnest desires that they may realise for themselves the truth of the prophet's words "it is good for a man that he bear the yoke in his youth, he sitteth alone and keepeth silence because he hath borne it upon him, he putteth his mouth in the dust, if so be there may be hope." Without this humbling spiritual experience there can be no real "growth in the Truth," no true convincement, no being baptised by the one saving baptism or being built up in the one faith, however useful in their place great intellectual gifts may be. But rich indeed is the reward to all who pass through this fire of the Lord's judgments. They realise that "the Lord is their portion," that "he is good unto them that wait for him, to the soul that seeketh him." -- May it be the blessed experience of all of us!

It was said of those who in the dark and cloudy day of Malachi's time remained faithful "to the law and to the testimony," "Then they that feared the Lord spake often one to another, and the Lord hearkened and heard it, and a book of remembrance was written before him for them that feared the Lord and thought upon his name, and they shall be mine saith the Lord in that day when I make up my jewels, and I will spare them as a man spareth his own son that serveth him." (Mal. lll, 16-17)

May their example encourage and stimulate us in this gospel day of fuller light and greater privileges, in the words of the author of "Hebrews," to "lay aside every weight and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and run with patience the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith;" "Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering, for he is faithful that promised, and let us consider one another to provoke unto love and good works, not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together as the manner of some is."

We are not insensible to the world's needs. The great causes of civil and religious liberty and equal justice to all, without respect to race or colour, rich or poor, of universal peace, of education, temperance and better social conditions generally, claim our support and co-operation in their promotion consistently with our Christian profession and bearing in mind our Saviour's last prayer for his followers, "I pray not that thou shouldest take them out of the world, but that thou shouldest keep them from the evil. They are not of the world, as I am not of the world."

It is only by individual faithfulness to the light of Christ manifested in the heart that we can effectively bear a corporate and united witness for the Truth.

We join with you in earnestly desiring that the day may be hastened when "nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more" and when "the kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord and his Christ."

With the assurance of our love, we are, your friends.

Signed in and on behalf of the General Meeting of Friends, held at Fritchley, (England) the 1st and 2nd of Fifth Month, 1929.

Edward Watkins, Clerk.

From the Religious Society of Friends of Philadelphia and Vicinity.

To New England Yearly Meeting of Friends:

Dear Friends:

Our Meeting has felt a warm desire to send you this year a special letter. We are conscious through the years of a warm tie that binds us continuously to you. This rests in part upon numerous personal contacts between us and you and in part upon very full sympathy and mutual understanding.

We share with you this year the sense of loss that has come to us all in the decease of our member, Job S. Gidley. He was a frequent visitor at our Meetings and at our Yearly Meeting. To three generations of our members his ministry has been a strength and stimulus. His memory excites feelings of admiration and love.

We also share with you an ever widening vision of the service of our Society as a whole. We are all increasingly aware that great opportunities make great demands upon those who bear in these days the name of Friends. We believe that all our isolating traditions need not prevent a full co-operation in work and fellowship in the Society. We gladly invite you to join with us in the several activities which our larger numbers enable us to undertake, and we would encourage both you and ourselves to the hearty support of the co-operative enterprises of our American Quakerism.

In the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus, we remain with love your friends.

Signed by direction of Philadelphia Yearly Meeting of Friends, held at Arch Street, Third Month 25th to 29th inclusive, 1929.

D. Robert Yarnall)
Anna Rhoads Ladd)Presiding Clerks

Elizabeth B. Jones)Recording Clerk

William B. Harvey, Secretary

From London Yearly Meeting of the Society of Friends, 1928.

Dear Friends:

Man's life is full of striving and of suffering. And because we are bound together in a common life none may escape the struggle or the pain. Thinking together of these things we have recognised the claim on us of this fellowship of search and suffering, and have felt again our great need, the need of all men, for light and power and guidance.

This has brought us into a deep experience, for we know that these gifts belong to the life of God, that only in His presence our restless strivings cease. The way of life is found as we seek first the will of the living God. As we follow Jesus Christ in our own lives and in the life of our Society, we come to know in increasing measure what He knew in fullness as the mainspring of His being- "I and my Father are one."

Some know this penetration of spirit as a daily illumination. Others, who dare not claim so much for their individual vision, have yet often known the joy of communion where, Christ in our midst, we are made one in the fellowship of power and of overcoming love. This real presence lies at the heart of life. The Quaker community, in all its work and activity, is driven back for power and for guidance to this touch of the living God. In silence, without rite or symbol, we have known the Spirit of Christ so convincingly present in our quiet meetings that His grace dispels our faithlessness, our unwillingness, our fears, and sets our hearts aflame with the joy of adoration. We have thus felt the power of the Spirit renewing and recreating our love and friendship for all our fellows. This is our Eucharist and our Communion.

This sacrament of the Presence, binding us as one in the life of God, open to us at all times, we need to foster with much penitence and prayer. For though Christ , the expression for us of the Father of Lights, is ever among us, our love is weak and there are times when the tide of our strength and our devotion is very far out, when the mystery of God with us seems far away, when our spirits make little response or none to the divine invitation.

In so far as this lack of vision is due to changing intellectual conceptions and to the currents of modern thought, the way through to a deeper faith will lie in a fearless and disciplined use of our minds. Intellectual sloth is sometimes the root of moral failure and spiritual weakness. Yet no intellectual wrestling will of itself bring the reality of God to us. There are times when we must be willing to wait in quietness and humility until God becomes His own interpreter, until we find Him within, whom so often we are tempted to seek without. In the hurry of modern life we must make room and time for God Himself to speak to us.

This lack of vision should cause us to be tender in spirit one to another, not seeking to press where the Lord of life Himself is patient. Knowledge we need and patience we need; we need no less to give ourselves to the sacrament of daily life, finding the good, the true, the beautiful around us and in other folk. Could we but take this communion of the common life, how it would change our habitual ways of thought and action. We should no longer treat anyone as an inferior; we should find the meanest service which we receive from others or render to them transfigured by the light of that upper room where our Lord and Master washed the disciples' feet. If we really entered into this oneness of a common communion with all our fellow men and with the whole creation, it would mean many a simple but radical change in the ordering of our lives. It would bring us to the place of self-denial which will become the place of insight. As we thus seek to find and serve Christ in His brethren, we shall be granted moments of vision according to our need.

In these days together, when we have been very sensible of the covering of prayer, we have known something of this joy of communion with our Lord and with one another. If we do not at once see full and clear solutions of our problems, personal and social, yet this is our confidence, that in living communion with God there comes to men enlightenment, and creative and overcoming power.

The call is urgent to the communion life, the life lived in the spirit of Jesus Christ "who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame."

Signed in and on behalf of London Yearly Meeting.

Harold J. Morland, Clerk.

From Dublin Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends.

To New England Yearly Meeting of Friends:

Dear Friends:

Gathered once more as a Yearly Meeting our thoughts go out to Friends all the world over. We feel that we are part of a great Fellowship, very varied in its surroundings, very different in its problems, yet united

in the desire for the betterment of the world and the enobling and enriching of social and civic life. This can only come through our personal willingness to allow our lives to be guided and directed by the indwelling Spirit of Jesus Christ.

This is the third time Dublin Yearly Meeting (as it is generally called) has met in Belfast thus spreading the interest among Friends in Ulster, where there are more members and more widely distributed meetings than in the rest of Ireland.

We have rejoiced in the presence of Friends from across the sea, - visitors from England and America and workers from China, Japan, Madagascar and Pemba. They have given us valuable help in the Meetings, and we have had specially interesting accounts from those who have recently visited India and attended the meetings of the International Missionary Council at Jerusalem which was concerned with the whole future forward policy of the Christian Church.

Last Autumn some of our Members were delegates to the Five Years Meeting of Friends in America and to the World Conference on Faith and Order at Lausanne. We are glad they have been privileged to have some influence in promoting the underlying unity of love and service that binds together Friends in all parts of the world and in a real way the still more divided Churches of Christendom. We acknowledge our appreciation of the warm-hearted, friendly spirit and understanding fellowship with which these delegates have everywhere been received. An outstanding feature of the Yearly Meeting has been the Evening Session at which we received the reports from our delegates to the Five Years Meeting, bringing us into sympathetic understanding of the feelings, work and problems of Friends on the American Continent.

In considering the subject of Peace we were cheered to hear of the proposals put forward by the United States of America for the outlawry of War. These proposals seemed to us to mark a real advance towards the ideal of world-wide peace. We are sending a memorial to the British Government and also the Government of the Irish Free State urging upon them the importance of supporting these proposals which we earnestly pray may ultimately result in all international disputes being settled by means of conciliation or arbitration.

Considerable interest has been taken in the revision of the General Advices and Queries. Some of the old familiar words have come with fresh interest and have taken on new meanings as they have been studied in this connection. We have revived an old advice urging Friends to be honest in their dealings with others including public bodies.

We feel that it is of paramount importance that our children should have such sure foundations for the Faith that is in them that they may not be overwhelmed at the beginning of life by the spirit of materialism but be able to keep their ideals fresh and untarnished. A great deal can be done towards this in our schools as well as in the homes, both in the forming of character and in the arousing of practical interest in the problems which are always before us.

We realise, in the complications of modern life, how difficult is the practical application of the teaching of the

Gospels; often the ideal seems unattainable, as the Apostle Paul expressed in the words "For to will is present with me but how to perform that which is good I find not". Yet this very realisation of how far short we are continually falling is an indication of spiritual vitality and if sincerely felt will lead us God-ward.

Amid the unrest of the world and the difficulties we are called on to face, we have the quiet assurance of our Lord "Lo I am with you always" and as we trust in Him we know that He will give the strength and guidance we need to do His will.

Signed on behalf of the Yearly Meeting of Friends in Ireland, held at Belfast, from Fifth Month 10th to 15th, 1928.

Edwin B. Jacob, Clerk.

After the reading of these epistles we can hardly feel discouraged with the progress of that truth which Friends have on their hearts. We have been made aware in them of a fresh and earnest search for the living truth, leading us to the certainty that the younger generation far from deserting the furrow is taking in hand the plough, and with wide vision and strong purpose. Many in our Meeting expressed a fullness of response in their hearts to the messages which have come to us.

Arthur Perry, Alice W. Gidley, Horace B. Foster, James W. Oliver and Thomas Perry are appointed to consider other communications which have been addressed to this Meeting and to present such of them to the Meeting at a later sitting as seem to them desirable.

We appoint Lydia S. Perry, Phebe F. Perry, Annie Gidley Lowry, James W. Oliver, Thomas Perry and Millicent Foster to prepare, as way may open, epistles, or a general epistle, in reply to some or all of the communications which have been received.

We appoint Katharine Foster, Henry C. Foster, Edith Nicholson Perry and W. Theodore Oliver to prepare a summary of the answers to the Queries and to present it at the sitting this afternoon.

We appoint Amos O. Foster, Elizabeth G. Wilbur and William T. Oliver to examine the accounts of the Treasurer, to propose the name of a successor and to present their report at a future sitting.

The representatives are requested to meet at the close of this sitting, to propose the name of a Friend for Clerk and the name of another Friend for Assistant Clerk and to report at the opening of the Meeting this afternoon.

Adjourned to 3:30 o'clock this afternoon.

Second Day afternoon Friends again assembled at about the hour adjourned to. Names of the representatives being called, all were present except two.

Elizabeth Perry on behalf of the representatives reports that they are united in proposing the name of Henry H. Perry for Clerk and Emma T. Oliver for Assistant Clerk. Their names being separately considered, the proposition was united with and they are appointed to those services for the ensuing year or until others are appointed in their places.

There have been read in this Meeting several communications, which have been presented by the Committee appointed for that service, and which come from the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England, from the Vienna group, the German Yearly Meeting and the Eastern Seventh Day Baptist Association. These communications are referred to the epistle committee for answer.

In accordance with the recommendations of the committee the Meeting directs that the Clerk acknowledge sundry other communications which have been received, but have not been read in the Meeting; and that in each case, where appropriate, the Clerk advise also that the communication was read by the committee, although for want of time it was not read in the Meeting; and further that in the case of each epistle a copy of our General Epistle be forwarded.

The Meeting expressed its satisfaction with the communications which have been read, and there was evidenced a special response to the letter from the Eastern Seventh Day Baptist Association, bringing to our Meeting their friendly Christian greeting.

> The Eastern Seventh Day Baptist Association now in session in Westerly, R.I., with great pleasure gives friendly Christian greeting to our brethren of the Society of Friends of New England in session in this city in the same hour.
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> We gladly unite in prayer and praise and Christian service with you, recognizing the large work which your society has been able to do in the building of strong New England Christian character. We pray our Father's continued blessing in all our future labor in His name.

The above was one of the resolutions passed at the ninety-second session of the Eastern Seventh Day Baptist Association on Sunday afternoon, June 9th.

Sincerely yours,

(signed) Mrs. Elizabeth K. Austin,
Corresponding Secretary.

The Queries were read at this time with answers thereto from Rhode Island and Sandwich Quarterly Meetings, together with a summary prepared by the Committee appointed at our first sitting which is thought to describe our present state, and the Clerk is directed to record the same.

SUMMARY ANSWERS

Ans. 1. Since the first of the year the evening mid-week meetings of one Quarter have been discontinued, owing to the ill health of some of the small number who kept them up. All other meetings for worship and discipline have been held except one preparative meeting.

Friends endeavor to present themselves in a living and receptive frame of mind. The hour for gathering is mostly observed.

Ans. 2. Love and unity are in a good degree maintained. Friends are careful not to injure the reputation of others. When differences arise, Friends endeavor to end them.

Ans. 3. Friends are concerned to uphold our testimony to a waiting Spiritual worship and a free Gospel ministry exercised under the immediate authority and annointing of the Holy Spirit.

Ans. 4. We believe Friends are mostly concerned to bring up those under their care in simplicity of speech, deportment and apparel, to restrain them from pernicious reading, to guide their conversation into right channels and to guard them from all harmful influences. They desire to be good examples herein themselves. The Holy Scriptures are frequently read in most families.

Ans. 5. Friends endeavor to conform to the several parts of this Query.

Ans. 6. There are no Friends needing assistance. All children are getting sufficient education to fit them for the duties of life and Friends endeavor to keep them under the care and influence of Friends.

Ans. 7. Friends do maintain a faithful testimony in regard to the several parts of this Query.

Ans. 8. Friends are careful to live within the bounds of their circumstances and to keep to moderation in their trade or business. They endeavor to be punctual to their promises, just in the payment of debts, and honest in all their dealings.

Ans. 9. Parents and those having the care of the youth appear to instruct them in the principles of Truth professed by us, and they are careful to guard against unsuitable marriages. All marriages, births, deaths and burials are duly recorded. No removals without certificates.

Ans. 10. We believe a care rests with Friends to deal with offenders when necessary as the discipline requires, but there has been no placing of judgment since our last account.

Ans. 11. Friends endeavor to live in the virtue of that life and power that takes away the occasion of all wars, to abstain from military matters and to promote, according to their ability, the growth of the spirit of Christian brotherhood in the conduct of all human relations.

The value of the Queries in the lives of those who have been accustomed to hear them even from youth, their searching power comprising to a degree the foundation and the breadth of life, and the wisdom of those who instituted them, was testified to. We were encouraged to be steadfast in the testimony against war, an ideal in which Friends have so long stood much alone, but which many others are now trying to accept in its fullness. Again we were urged to hold fast to the measure of truth which is given us, which is indeed our particular responsibility, "that no man take thy crown". We were warned also against yielding to any compromise of the truth, but rather to feel the extent of our high calling and to strive to attain unto it.

Upon information of the request of a local newspaper that accounts of our session be furnished for publication, Clara Browning is appointed to prepare and furnish such account from time to time, as may seem suitable.

The records of the Meeting for Sufferings were read and were united with. It was concluded to reappoint Amos O. Foster, Anna H. Chace, Charles Perry, Elizabeth G. Wilbur, Eunice B. Nichols, Isabel L. Gifford, Arthur Perry, Lucy W. Foster, Horace B. Foster, James W. Oliver, Mary C. Foster, Mary Anna Oliver, Anna A. Gardner, Thomas Perry, Eunice B. Clarke, Harvey C. Perry, Henry H. Perry, William T. Oliver, Emma T. Oliver, Mary E. Foster, Elizabeth M. Chace, Phebe F. Perry, Henry C. Foster, Samuel C. Webster, Clara Elizabeth Perry, Lydia S. Perry, Alice W. Gidley, Mary J.F.Edgerton, and to appoint Emma Foster Perry, Thomas P. Nichols and Millicent Foster to constitute the Meeting for Sufferings for the ensuing year, its first sitting to be held on Fourth Day, Sixth Month, twelfth, following the rise of the Yearly Meeting.

The Committee appointed to inspect a Memorial of Job Scott Gidley report that they find it acceptable as presented. This Memorial, which was freely spoken to in our Meeting for Sufferings, has been read and approved by this Yearly Meeting. It is directed that it be recorded, and that it be forwarded to the Meeting for Sufferings for such disposal as to its printing and distribution as may be thought suitable.

Job Scott Gidley, a beloved member and recorded minister of Dartmouth Monthly Meeting, died at his home in North Dartmouth, Massachusetts, Twelfth Month 22nd, 1928 aged eighty-four years.

He was born in Dartmouth Third Month 21st, 1844, the son of Philip and Eunice Gidley, the latter a member of the Society of Friends.

After leaving school he devoted himself for some years to teaching, carrying into his work so much energy and so much personal friendliness that his pupils in Dartmouth public schools and Providence Friends' School, now known as Moses Brown School, were deeply influenced by his enthusiasm and high ideals. Through his long life he kept a strong interest in education and frequently visited schools and gave talks to the children.

In 1874 he married Susanna W. Tucker, daughter of Jesse and Mary Ann Tucker of Dartmouth. She was a woman of rare taste and fine sensibilities, whose keen mind and ready sympathy were of the greatest assistance to her husband in his unceasing efforts to improve the Dartmouth schools and in his labors all through his middle life in many important town offices.

In 1886 Job Gidley, always a Friend at heart, and a regular attender of Friends' meetings, formally joined the Society, through Dartmouth Monthly Meeting, of which his wife was a birthright member. In 1891 he was recorded as a minister, and later served as clerk of the Yearly Meeting at Westerly for many years. He was a most loving and loyal member of the Society of Friends and we believe a truly faithful witness to the Truth, adhering firmly in his conduct of life and in his spoken words to the principles and teaching of the early Friends. When he spoke in meetings for worship he very frequently quoted directly from the Scriptures, and it was noticeable that the passages of which he made the most use were those which show the love and forgiveness of God, the love and tender teaching and willing sacrifice of the beloved Son of God, Jesus Christ.

Because of his spirit of universal friendliness and his eager desire to speak words of cheer and encouragement to all with whom he had any kind of contact, Job Gidley was especially fitted to serve as the companion of Joseph S. Elkinton of Philadelphia when the latter went to Canada in 1899 to meet the Doukhobors as they arrived by ship loads from Russia. Later on when these hardy peasants were settled in villages, Job Gidley visited them in Manitoba and Saskatchewan provinces. Though speaking to them through an interpreter he felt that often there was a manifest evidence of the aid of the Divine Interpreter in conveying his gospel messages to the understanding of his hearers.

He was interested in the colored people and at various times held meetings with them in their places of worship or talked to them in their schools.

He travelled much in the ministry with minutes from his home meeting, visiting meetings and families belonging to many Yearly Meetings of Friends, and he will long be remembered in many places for his earnest endeavors to promote the welfare of the Society of Friends, for his great interest in young people, for his gift for repeating poetry, and above all for the shining spirit of Christian love which seemed to invest every group of people that he joined.

The unfailing hospitality of Job and Susanna Gidley brought to their home visitors from all parts of the United States, from Canada and from England; and travelling ministers could always depend on Job Gidley's encouraging aid in carrying forward their concerns.

The subject nearest to Job Gidley's heart and very frequently the basis of his testimony in meeting and the topic of his friendly conversations was Peace. He constantly emphasized the power of love in family and group relations, in civic and religious organizations, in international affairs. And even as he preached the love of God and the power of His Spirit to bring all men into brotherly relations, so did he practice, so did he live. His firm hand clasp and radiant smile reflected an inner strength and light.

To old and young, rich and poor, college professor and illiterate sailor, to Russian peasant and negro and Indiana, to Commissioner of Education in Boston State House and to tiny school child in some Dartmouth school, he showed the same love, the same warm interest, the same desire that each should mind the voice within. It can truly be said of him, "He lived close to the Master."

May we cherish the memory of his life of devotion to Christian living and may we be inspired to labor more earnestly to carry out in our own lives the teachings of Jesus Christ.

Adjourned to Third Day Afternoon at 3:00 o'clock.

Third Day afternoon, the eleventh instant, at about the hour adjourned to, Friends again assembled. The names of the representatives being called, all but two are present.

The Committee appointed to examine and settle the Treasurer's accounts has attended to that service, and finds that the books have been correctly kept with proper vouchers filed, or payments otherwise accounted for. The account shows a balance of cash on hand amounting to $900.12. The Committee propose the name of Harvey C. Perry for Treasurer for the ensuing year. The report is satisfactory and he is appointed Treasurer for the ensuing year.

James W. Oliver reported orally for the Book and Tract Committee. One member of the Committee expressed a concern, which was fully united with, that the Committee should be more active in view of the general interest today in the ideals of Friends, and the desire of many to learn more about Friends. Arthur Perry, Anna A. Gardner, Anna H. Chace, Elizabeth G. Wilbur, Emma Foster Perry, James W, Oliver, Mary Elizabeth Foster, Elizabeth E. Gidley and Elizabeth Perry are reappointed to constitute the Committee for the ensuing year. The Committee is authorized to draw upon the Treasury of the Yearly Meeting to meet expenses to an amount not exceeding $100.

It appears from the minutes of the Meeting for Sufferings, held at Westerly the 8th of Sixth Month, 1929, that the Committee previously appointed by that Meeting to prepare a revision of our Discipline has distributed among our members copies of its proposal for such revision. There is before this Yearly Meeting a copy of the proposed revision, and the recommendation of the Meeting for Sufferings, as appears from the minutes of an adjourned sitting held on the same day above mentioned, that the Yearly Meeting accept and print the revision as prepared by that Committee, save only for the correction of minor errors of expression if found. After deliberation, this Meeting expresses its approval of the general form of the proposed revised discipline, and its confidence in the Committee which has prepared the revision; and this Meeting directs that the Committee be continued for the purpose not only of correcting minor errors of expression, but also of making changes of form or of substance if deemed best, consistent with the general form and plan of the draft now before us. The Committee is further given liberty to have printed galley proof copies of its final draft for general distribution among our members in such manner and to such extent as the Meeting for Sufferings may direct; and thereafter the Meeting for Sufferings, having made such final changes, in concurrence with the Committee, as may be deemed best, may order the final publication of the revision, which shall thereupon become the discipline of this Yearly Meeting, and shall replace our existing Discipline.

Charles Perry, a dearly beloved minister and life-long member of this Meeting, being confined to his home by illness, we desire to express our feelings of appreciation for his devotion and services. His personal touch has been greatly missed in each of our gatherings at this time. Many petitions have been voiced that it might be the pleasure of our Heavenly Father to restore his health, and we wish him to know that a message of comfort and love goes to him from this Meeting.

The Peace Committee presented its report, which is satisfactory; and the Clerk is requested to record the same.

REPORT OF PEACE COMMITTEE

The Peace Committee's work in the past year has included a campaign of education on the Peace Pact. Articles were put into local newspapers and literature was distributed. In Westerly the Committee secured the co-operation of all the ministers in arranging for a Union Meeting of the churches on Armistice Day. Helen Talboy, a most able speaker, addressed the large audience on the subject of the Kellogg treaty.

Encouragement was given to all Friends to send individual letters and telegrams to the President and to members of congress urging ratification of the Peace Pact, and the defeat of the cruiser bill.

Two members were financially aided to attend Peace Conferences, one held at Pocono under the direction of the Friends Service Committee, and the other in New York under the auspices of the World Alliance for International Friendship through the churches. One member gave a report of the congress she attended before a church group, and before two groups of local national women's organizations.

The funds of the Committee aside from those spent on the expenses of local work have gone to two organizations which we have helped to support in the past, $75 to the American Friends Service Committee and $331.74 to the National Council for the Prevention of War.

On behalf of the Committee.

Elizabeth Perry, Chairman.

Henry T. Gidley, Emma T. Oliver, Henry H. Perry, Anna Foster, C. Elizabeth Perry, Thomas P. Nichols, Thomas Perry, Eva L. Foster, Harvey C. Perry, Lydia S. Perry, Millicent S. Foster, Anna Ethelyn Foster, Elizabeth M. Chace and Phebe F. Perry. are reappointed, and Margaret Perry, Jr., W. Theodore Oliver and Alice W. Gidley are appointed to constitute the Peace Committee for the ensuing year. The sum of $500 is appropriated to be subject to the order of the Committee for that period.

This meeting wishes to place on record its sense of loss in the death of Gertrude H. Foster, a birthright member of South Kingston Monthly Meeting, and one of its valued elders. Those who knew her appreciated the warmth and loyalty of her

friendship, particularly as it was expressed in the hospitality of her home. She gave constant service to her Meeting, and unfailing devotion to the principles of the Society.

During the past year Dartmouth Monthly Meeting has lost one of its most loyal members, and a valued elder, Jesse R. Tucker. At our sessions of this Yearly Meeting we greatly miss his presence and quiet greetings.

Phebe F. Perry, on behalf of the Epistle Committee, read to the Meeting a proposal for a General Epistle to be addressed by this Yearly Meeting to the meetings with which we regularly correspond, and also to others in accordance with the recommendation of the Committee on Communications, approved by this Meeting. The proposed epistle was heartily united with, and the Clerk is directed to foward the same,as above stated, signed on our behalf.

GENERAL EPISTLE

Is our membership in the Society of Friends the clear call it should be to a life of constant communion with God? Opportunities open on every side for the special contributions which Friends have to offer to the common life of mankind. The sense of the continual nearness of God to each individual and of his guidance in all the affairs of life has always been the particular testimony of Friends. Never has it been more needed, nor, by many people, more sought after than it is today when the inescapable routine and complexities of modern life give little opportunity for quietude or for that revaluation of our aims which comes from patient waiting for God's guidance. The sense of the invisible world of the spirit, as a reality, is being dimmed by our absorption in material things. Yet in intervals of spiritual illumination we gain the vision of a better world created by God's love and care, and we endeavor to translate this thought into action in the social, civic and business life of which we are a part.

At the present time Friends have a special challenge to their ideals of Christian living in the publicity received by certain members and groups of our Society. Each one of us is an outpost of Quakerism by which men will judge our Society, putting to the test both our faith and our works. If we can prove worthy of this critical inspection we shall have advanced immeasurably the influence of the Friendly way.

We treasure the feeling of sympathy and closeness of aims with all Friends and Christians everywhere. We rejoice as our chain of correspondence draws us into a more extended fellowship; for closer knowledge and communication bring greater ability to solve our common problems; but only in keeping close to one source of strength, "the Light that Lighteth every man who cometh into the world," can we really grow in power and grace.

We have been deeply interested at this time in a proposed revision of our Discipline, and a study of the disciplines used by other Yearly Meetings has shown how close are our aims and how deep is our common desire to promote the Kingdom of God through following individually and together Christ's way of life.

Lydia S. Perry, Phebe F. Perry, Annie Gidley Lowry, James W. Oliver, Thomas Perry, Millicent Foster, Mary Jessie Carter and William T. Oliver are appointed a Communications and Epistle Committee for the ensuing year to receive communications and to present such of them to our next session as they think fitting; and also to prepare a general epistle and special epistles, as way may open, to be presented to our next session.

The Clerk, ex officio, Henry T. Gidley, James W. Oliver, Catharine Foster and Thomas Perry are appointed correspondents for the ensuing year.

The Clerk is directed to forward to the Eastern Seventh Day Baptist Association a copy of the following minute, signed on our behalf:-

New England Yearly Meeting of Friends in session at Westerly, R. I. Sixth Month, eighth to eleventh, 1929, has received with deep appreciation the friendly Christian greeting of the Eastern Seventh Day Baptist Association.

We rejoice in the emphasis which is being more and more placed upon the common Christian fellowship of all believers in our divine Lord and Master, and we unite in the prayer for our Father's blessing upon all who labor in His name.

This Yearly Meeting is informed of the death of Jesse R. Tucker, formerly one of three trustees of the trust under the will of Othniel Tripp, for the benefit of New England Yearly Meeting of Friends. The Meeting is also informed that Charles Perry, another

of the trustees of said trust, desires to resign as trustee, owing to ill health. Accordingly, this Yearly Meeting appoints Harry S. Goodwin a trustee of said trust to succeed Jesse R. Tucker, deceased, and appoints Thomas Perry trustee of said trust to succeed Charles Perry, resigned.

This Meeting refers to the Meeting for Sufferings a request from the American Friends Service Committee for the appointment of representatives to serve on the American Friends Service Committee for the ensuing year.

It was concluded to refer to the Meeting for Sufferings the printing of the Minutes of the Yearly Meeting, certain of the epistles received by us, and the General Epistle sent in reply thereto.

The Clerk is directed to make all necessary extracts from the Minutes of this Meeting and to sign them on its behalf.

During the sittings of this Yearly Meeting we have been frequently reminded that, though small in numbers as an organized unit, we are essentially a part of the great spiritual body of those groups of Friends who find their deepest religious life in the same ideals that are dear to us. Both in the epistles which have been read and in the vocal expressions in our meetings have we heard the yearning that all those who find unity in these ideals may be gathered into one harmonious fellowship.

Neither are we to give way to discouragement knowing that the smallness of the body would be outweighed by greatness of spirit, and that that spirit is great which, looking forward, strives for great attainment. Yet are we again and again warned that we cannot strive effectively in our own strength, and that we can measure unto greatness of spirit only as we keep our souls responsive to Him who is "the giver of every good and perfect gift."

With gratitude for our manifold blessings, and looking with hope to the future, through Christ Jesus, "the author and finisher of our faith", we now conclude purposing to meet at this place at the usual time next year if consistent with the Divine will.

Henry R. Perry Clerk.

MINUTES OF THE SESSION OF 1930

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NEW ENGLAND YEARLY MEETING
OF
FRIENDS

At New England Yearly Meeting of Friends held at Westerly, Rhode Island, with public meetings for worship on First Day the eighth of Sixth Month, 1930; and beginning the meetings for discipline on Second Day the ninth.

By accounts received from Rhode Island and Sandwich Quarterly Meetings, the representatives therein named to attend this meeting are Arthur Perry, Thomas P. Nichols, Anna A. Gardner, Samuel C. Webster, Lydia S. Perry, Eunice B. Clark, Amos O. Foster, Ann Gidley Lowry, Mira Tucker, W. Theodore Oliver, Mary E. Foster, Sarah W. Oliver and Mary C. Foster, of whom all were present except two who were unavoidably absent.

The following extract was read from the minutes of the Meeting for Sufferings held at Westerly, Rhode Island, the seventh of Sixth Month, 1930:

"The Meeting after a free discussion of the new discipline and in concurrence with the Discipline Committee, is fully united in directing the final publication of the discipline in galley proof form and without further change for use at the coming Yearly Meeting."

It appears from the foregoing extract, and this Meeting unites in confirming, that the proposed revised discipline which was laid before the Yearly Meeting at its last session, and as finally revised, is now before us, has through the order for its final publication in accordance with the authority vested in the Meeting for Sufferings, become and it now is the Discipline of this Yearly Meeting, replacing our previous Discipline.

Thomas P. Nichols on behalf of the representatives has presented a written certificate proposing the name of Ann Gidley Lowry for Clerk and of Thomas Perry for Assistant Clerk. Their names being separately considered, the proposal was united with and they are appointed to these services for the ensuing year or until others are appointed in their places.

Albert H. Votaw, an elder in Philadelphia Yearly Meeting, is in attendance with a minute from Arch Street Monthly Meeting of Friends, held in Philadelphia, Fifth Month 15, 1930. His words of counsel and encouragement have been helpful to us and we are grateful for his Christian companionship. The Clerk is directed to furnish him with a copy of this minute, signed on our behalf.

Mary Elizabeth Foster, Emma T. Oliver and James W. Oliver are appointed to inspect the Memorials of Charles Perry and of Phebe Wilbur Perry Buffum which have been forwarded to this Meeting by Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting, and to report thereon at a later sitting.

We appoint Thomas P. Nichols, Lydia S. Perry, Elizabeth Foster and Elizabeth G. Wilbur to prepare suitable answers to the Supplementary Queries, using the reports which have been received from the two Quarterly Meetings as a basis.

We appoint James W. Oliver, Amos O. Foster and Henry C. Foster to serve as an Auditing Committee for the ensuing year, to propose the name of a successor to the Treasurer and to present a report at a future sitting.

We appoint Lydia S. Perry, Phebe F. Perry, James W. Oliver, Millicent Foster, Mary Jessie Carter, William T. Oliver, Henry H. Perry, Elizabeth G. Wilbur and Ethelyn Foster a Communications and Epistle Committee for the ensuing year.

Adjourned to 3:30 o'clock this afternoon.

Second Day afternoon Friends again assembled at about the hour to which we adjourned.

Names of the representatives being called, all were present except two.

Epistles, addressed to this Meeting have been read which have been received from Ohio, Iowa, Canada, North Carolina, Kansas, Western, Fritchley General Meeting, Philadelphia (Arch Street), New England, New York, Philadelphia, (Race Street), Baltimore, Germany, Dublin, and London Yearly Meetings and from College Park Association. The Committee on Communications and Epistles is requested to make a recommendation as to the replies that should be directed.

From Ohio Yearly Meeting of Friends, held at Stillwater, near Barnesville, Ohio, by adjournments from Eighth Month 31, 1929, to Ninth Month 5, 1929, inclusive.

To New England Yearly Meeting of Friends,

Dear Friends:

"Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be; but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is. And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as He is pure." These words have come before us afresh at this time, and we have felt the necessity that each person yield to the call of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ as it comes to him individually, that he may know his sins to be washed away in the blood of the Lamb, and be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God.

We have been impressed by the allusion in your epistle to the need we have of living in a sense of God's nearness to each of us, and of His guidance in all the affairs of life. When confronted by weighty and varied problems, it is comforting to remember that we have such a loving Heavenly Father on whom to rely.

Many are the testimonies which have been given to our

Society to uphold, in the advancement of the cause of Truth. May we let none of these fall, nor give any one testimony such prominence as not to leave a place for all other concerns which should claim our attention. There are many fields in which we may be called to service, yet in it all we are reminded by the apostle that "not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy He saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost."

Then may each of us individually submit ourselves to the refining power of the Spirit of Christ in the heart, that all the dross may be purged away, that we may be fit temples for His Spirit to dwell in. To this cleansing we must ourselves submit, to this we must point all others, to this we are called.

With love we are your friends,

Signed on behalf of Ohio Yearly Meeting,

W. Mifflin Hall
Mary C. Steer
Clerks

From Iowa Yearly Meeting of Friends held at Whittier, Iowa, Tenth Month 16th to 21st, 1929.

To New England Yearly Meeting of Friends held at Westerly, R. I.

Dear Friends:

Your message, with many others, was read, and a feeling of love went forth to you; for we believe the same Power was over your meeting that we trust is over ours at this time. We marvelled at the diversity of thought and the unity of fellowship expressed in the several epistles. We feel with you that perhaps there never has been a time of greater responsibilities, greater opportunities, or greater possibilities for those who work in the vineyard of the Master. May we individually find the firm foundation on which to build our lives, so that we may not be swayed by the superficial restlessness of the times, and yet welcome all changes for the advancement of truly better things. Merely attending our meetings is not enough,- we must gather manna every day, and know of our daily walk in life being guided by Him. May we encourage one another to be more zealous in our faith and works, that our Heavenly Father may be glorified, and the earth redeemed unto Goodwill and Love. God is Love. We pray that His children may display more of that Love.

We have been told that many look to our Society for leadership,- and we must not fail them. Many of us have been deeply concerned this year because of military training and other preparations for war in our army and navy. We believe these will soon be nation-wide questions to be settled only by the people.

Our concern for all is, to know Christ as our Savior, and to trust our Heavenly Father as little children trust their parents for guidance. Then, when our work here is

done, we shall know of there being prepared for us,
"Some humble door among Thy many mansions,
Some sheltering shade where sin and striving cease,
And flows forever through heaven's green expansions
The river of Thy peace."

Signed in and by direction of the meeting,

Wm. P. Young, Springville, Ia.,
Alice L. Standing,
Clerks and Correspondents.

From Canada Yearly Meeting of Friends held at Norwich from the 21st of Sixth Month to the 25th inclusive, 1929.

To New England Yearly Meeting,

Dear Friends:

The receipt of your valuable epistle awakens in us a feeling of loving interest in your various problems. We are all facing difficult conditions in the world about us.

With the many responsibilities and perplexities involved in providing and caring for the outward it requires great watchfulness to guide and protect those finer elements that are essential to the growth of Christian character. Yet repeated exhortations have been tenderly handed us not to allow these things to hinder us taking an active interest in matters outside the home if the Master calls us to service there. To become such an one for this, as the Friend who shook the country for ten miles around him, we must have the energizing touch which comes from closest contact with our risen Lord. It is not given to all to partake in the fulness of such experiences and exercises, but each one's life and countenance may be as a light which can not be hid. Such lives are the salt of the earth lighting the way for all within the radius of their rays.

The publication, and spread of demoralizing literature, was brought to our attention with an appeal that we be diligent to have a care regarding the reading matter which comes into our homes, and faithful to protest against that which does harm anywhere.

There have been many words of encouragement to the young to be faithful. Though the path before us is not likely to be easy, the reward is sure.

We have had with us many visiting and ministering Friends from other places, and the feeling of unity with them and amongst ourselves, is precious and has brought forth many expressions of what a good Yearly Meeting we are having.

In this spirit of love and nearness to the true seed everywhere, we commend you with ourselves, to the care and keeping of the unslumbering Shepherd and remain, your friends,

Mordecai F. Starr,
Catharine T. Mekeel,
Clerks.

From North Carolina Yearly Meeting of Friends held at Cedar Grove, Woodland, North Carolina, by adjournments, from the 17th of Eighth Month to the 21st of the same inclusive, 1929.

To New England Yearly Meeting of Friends,

Dear Friends:

As many of our dear aged Friends have been removed by death during the past year, and others of them are not physically able to be with us, we were reminded, as we gathered in a Yearly Meeting capacity of the Scripture language, "Your fathers, where are they, and the prophets, do they live forever?"

Our dear younger members were tenderly admonished to submit to the yoke of Christ, by which alone they may receive the necessary preparation or qualification to take up the fallen mantles.

We also feel, as was expressed in your Epistle, the necessity of a close union with our Heavenly Father, that we may be directed by Him in all the affairs of life and that in all our relations with our fellow men we should seek this Divine guidance; for who of us, of ourselves are able to know, and acceptably perform our duties in life? As we come, by the light of the Holy Spirit, to realize our great need of the guidance and support of the Lord we will find as we keep in an humble, dependant, teachable state before Him, He will condescend to help us, always going before and pointing out the way in which He would have us walk. He would still have us, "a peculiar people, zealous of good works."

"If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow Me," said Christ. In thus following Him in the denial of all that is of the fleshly nature and knowledge we become learners in His school, but this can only be by implicit obedience to the manifestations of His blessed will as made known in our hearts.

Were we not as a people, given a high standard to uphold before the world? May we continue to be upholding it in its purity, counting all else but dross that we may win Christ.

We have been edified by the reading of the epistles from the meetings with which we correspond, and we desire that we may deeply feel the responsibility involved in this correspondence, and that we may all so live that it may be continued under the authority and in the life and power of Truth.

We are grateful to our Heavenly Father for sending some of his anointed messengers to be with us at this time, and desire that we may profit by the counsel and admonition they have given us.

May you, dear friends, with us, individually seek to be found filling up our ranks in righteousness and thereby be prepared to render our accounts with joy when summoned before the judge of all the earth.

With a salutation of love, we remain, your friends,

Signed on behalf of tne meeting,

Anderson M. Barker,
Mary J. Peele,
Clerks.

From Kansas Yearly Meeting of Friends held at Spring River, near Galena, Tenth Month, 26th to the 29th inclusive, 1929.

To The Yearly Meetings with which we correspond,

Dear Friends:

We have once more been permitted to assemble for the purpose of transacting the important affairs of a yearly meeting however meager and insignificant they may appear. Notwithstanding our increased stripped condition since the removal to other parts of standard-bearers, we feel to say that the Lord has been pleased to bless our final efforts to carry on to a successful conclusion the object of this annual gathering.

Whatever our delinquencies in the past that may have contributed to our present condition we are at this time faced by facts that obligate us, we believe, to take the step we are about to make; viz: the laying down of Kansas Yearly Meeting.

Our efforts, already referred to, have been aided by the timely presence of a representative of the Mother country, and other visitors from a neighboring yearly meeting whose counsel and solid deportment have been also otherwise strengthening and encouraging.

The prospect of a future religious home, encouraged by a standing invitation is under consideration and we are looking forward to Christian fellowship in another yearly meeting.

Epistles from all the yearly meetings with which we correspond, except two, have been read to our comfort and edification. You may never again address a Kansas yearly meeting but we expect to enjoy the same correspondence.

However weighty the burden of regret at what is transpiring, we are again refreshed at the "wells of Salvation" and renewed in the healing rays of the "Sun of Righteousness."

In conclusion we feel further to refer to the overshadowing canopy of "Ancient Goodness" brought about by renewed visitations of the Holy Spirit, and His servants have spoken as the "Oracles of God" and "Ministered as with the ability which God giveth."

With a salutation of love, we remain your friends,

Signed by direction and on behalf of Kansas Yearly Meetings,

Samantha J. Osborn,
Ary J. Peacock,
Clerks.

To New England Yearly Meeting of Friends, held at Westerly, Rhode Island, from Western Yearly Meeting of Friends held at Sugar Grove, near Plainfield, Indiana, from the 7th to the 10th inclusive, Ninth Month, 1929.

Dear Friends:

Western Yearly Meeting of Friends, for the year 1929, is now in session. We entered upon its duties with a realization of our weakness and need of continual help from the one unfailing Source. We have from time to time felt the Master's presence in our midst contriting our hearts, and causing us to feel,- what are we that Thou art mindful of us?

There are in attendance several from other yearly meetings, some we believe have been favored to divide the word aright, some whose solid deportment evinces that they are not strangers to the patient waiting upon God.

Can it be that the inescapable routine, and the complexities of modern life <u>have</u> crowded out the opportunity for quietude or for that revaluation of our aims which come from patient waiting for God's guidance, or can it be that the sense of the invisible world of the spirit as a reality is being dimmed by our absorption in material things?

God forbid that this should be,- but grant that we, and you, may indeed keep close enough to Him, the one Source of strength, "The Light that lighteth every man that cometh into the world", that we may really grow in power and grace.

It was interesting to us to note your concern in regard to a revision of your discipline, and we desire you may be rightly led in this undertaking, not going too far from the original plan of our worthy predecessors, whose care has stood the test of many generations.

And now, dear Friends, in conclusion, may we all be found in our proper allotment, careful for the one thing needful, to sit at His feet who is meek and lowly in heart, and "Who giveth grace to the humble".

With love we remain your Friends: Signed by direction of Western Yearly Meeting of Friends,

Harvey Pickett,
Flora M. Edgerton,
Clerks

From the Religious Society of Friends of Philadelphia and vicinity.

To New England Yearly Meeting, held at Westerly, R. I.

Dear Friends:

We cordially acknowledge the receipt of the letter

from your last Yearly Meeting.

The proposed revision of your Discipline has interested us. This is a task which tends to bring into proper perspective, many of the practices and rules of life that may have become more or less matters of form. The adaptation of these rules to present day problems prompts constructive self-analysis; the search for the right expression of them aids in the revitalization of "the faith that is in us."

We share with you a keen sense of loss in the passing of Charles Perry, whom we also knew and loved. We rejoice in the memory of his companionship.

Our General Epistle is enclosed, and we are, with love,

Your friends.

Signed by direction of Philadelphia Yearly Meeting of Friends, held at Fourth and Arch Street, Third Month 31st to Fourth Month 4th, inclusive, 1930.

D. Robert Yarnall,
Presiding Clerk
Elizabeth B. Jones
Recording Clerk

Wm. B. Harvey,
Secretary

From London Yearly Meeting of the Society of Friends, 1929.

To New England Yearly Meeting,

Dear Friends,

Our hearts have been drawn towards you in loving sympathy as we have heard of your long-continued steadfastness in the faith revealed to us as a Society.

The uniting power of the love of God has made a growing appeal to us in these post war years, until the time has come when we long for the final overthrow of all barriers which misunderstanding has erected between us in the past.

We deeply regret the share which we as a Yearly Meeting had in the causes of the long separation, caused by a lack of sufficient Christian sympathy, and aggravated in part by difficulty of communication.

In the spirit of this letter our Yearly Meeting has passed the following minute:-

"We earnestly desire that if, due to history long past, there be any remaining feeling of separateness between the Conservative Yearly Meetings and ourselves, this may be bridged over in the communion of our Quaker faith and in Christian love."

Harold J. Morland,

Clerk of London Yearly Meeting.

The General Queries have been answered at this time and the Supplementary Queries have been read with answers thereto prepared by the Committee appointed at our first sitting. The Clerk is directed to record the same.

Answers to the Supplementary Queries

Ans. 1. Charles Perry, an elder and minister of Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting died Eighth Month 21, 1929.

Ans. 2. No new meetings have been established and none discontinued.

Ans. 3. Records have been kept by each Monthly Meeting. As yet no recorder for the Yearly Meeting has been appointed and no list has been kept of non-members married to members and of their minor children.

Ans. 4. Friends in need of assistance have been duly relieved.

Ans. 5. We believe our members know of available schools sympathetic with the ideas of Friends.

Ans. 6. There has been no case during the last year to which this query would apply.

Ans. 7. The Queries have been read and answered in accordance with the provisions of our former Discipline.

The records of the Meeting for Sufferings were read and were united with. It was concluded to reappoint the following Friends to serve as members of the Meeting for Sufferings until the close of the meeting of that body held on Fourth Day of this week: Amos O. Foster, Anna H. Chace, Elizabeth G. Wilbur, Eunice B. Nichols, Isabel L. Gifford, Arthur Perry, Horace B. Foster, James W. Oliver, Mary Anna Oliver, Thomas Perry, Eunice B. Clark, Emma T. Oliver, Mary E. Foster, Elizabeth M. Chace, Phebe F. Perry, Samuel C. Webster, C. Elizabeth Perry, Alice W. Gidley, Mary J. F. Edgerton, Emma F. Perry, Thomas P. Nichols and Millicent Foster.

Harvey C. Perry, Lucy W. Foster, Henry C. Foster, Anna A. Gardner and Lydia S. Perry were appointed to serve until 1934.

Mary C. Foster, Sarah W. Oliver, William T. Oliver, Katharine Foster and Henry H. Perry were appointed to serve until 1936.

We appoint Thomas Perry, Mary J. Edgerton, Emma T. Oliver, Elizabeth Perry and Edith Perry a committee to consider on which days of the week to hold the sessions of future Yearly Meetings and to make a report at our next sitting.

Adjourned to Third Day afternoon at 3:30 o'clock.

Third day afternoon, the tenth instant, at about three o'clock, Friends again assembled. The names of the representatives being called, all but one are present.

James W. Oliver reports for the Auditing Committee that they have examined the Treasurer's account and find that the books have been correctly kept with proper vouchers filed. The account shows a balance of cash on hand amounting to $1,075.26. The Committee propose the name of Harvey C. Perry for Treasurer for the ensuing five years. The report is satisfactory and he is so appointed.

Elizabeth G. Wilbur reported for the Book and Tract Committee that they have placed books in a lending library at Brown University, which project has already borne some fruit.

Arthur Perry, Anna A. Gardner, Anna H. Chace, Elizabeth G. Wilbur, Emma Foster Perry, James W. Oliver, Mary Elizabeth Foster, Elizabeth E. Gidley and Elizabeth Perry are reappointed and Henry C. Foster and Elizabeth M. Chace are appointed to constitute the Committee for the ensuing year. The Committee is authorized to draw upon the Treasury of the Yearly Meeting to meet expenses to an amount not exceeding $100.

The Peace Committee presented its report which is satisfactory; and the Clerk is requested to record the same.

Report of the Peace Committee:

The past year the committee has tried an experiment in peace education new to this meeting. Profiting by the suggestion and experience of the peace committee of Philadelphia Yearly Meeting, our committee undertook the exhibit of literature on peace and international good will at the Rhode Island Institute for Instruction which is annually held for all Rhode Island teachers at Providence. Permission was obtained from the commissioner of education and the exhibit was presented in a large hall where school books were for sale and where hundreds of teachers came to inspect them. The literature designed to appeal to children was secured from the Philadelphia Peace Committee at 4th and Arch Street. Eleven books and seventeen poster sets were sold and the names and addresses of 43 interested teachers were secured and are on file. To them all more or less material was sold and to many others free leaflets were given. The committee feels that the field for education here is large and is a very valuable one but that so far only a small beginning has been made. It is hoped that the interest in the exhibit will grow each year as the teachers become more acquainted with its nature and learn to count upon it. Through a delay in delivery of free material, those in charge of the exhibit feel that they were handicapped and they believe that under more favorable conditions many more teachers will be reached.

In Westerly the churches through the initiative of our committee and following the precedent of the past two years, held a Union Meeting at the time of Armistice Day, the speaker Clarence Skinner, leader of the Boston Community Church being secured by this committee. His address was on the London Conference. Paul Harris of the National Council for the Prevention of War later addressed the Lions' Club, which is a business men's club, and made so favorable an impression that he was invited to return later in the winter and give another address in a large church. This he did and reached an appreciative audience.

In addition to these addresses, two meetings of inspirational character were held for our own members when A. Ward Applegate of Indiana spoke on the subject of educational work directed against military training in schools and colleges. Two members of the committee have given peace talks before organizations of women.

Members of the meeting were encouraged to send cablegrams to the President of the United States and to the Peace Conference regarding the importance of reduction in armaments.

In addition to the funds spent in our own educational work $150 has been given to the National Council for Prevention of War and $150 to the American Friends Service Committee.

On behalf of the Committee.

Elizabeth Perry,

Chairman.

Henry T. Gidley, Emma T. Oliver, Henry H. Perry, Anna Foster, Elizabeth Perry, Thomas P. Nichols, Thomas Perry, Eva L. Foster, Harvey C. Perry, Lydia S. Perry, Millicent S. Foster, Ethelyn Foster, Elizabeth M. Chace, Phebe F. Perry, Margaret Perry, Jr., W. Theodore Oliver, and Alice W. Gidley are reappointed to constitute the Peace Committee for the ensuing year. The sum of $500 is appropriated to be subject to the order of the Committee for that period.

Emma T. Oliver reported for the Committee appointed to consider on which days of the week to hold future sessions of the Yearly Meeting. It was decided to try a plan recommended by the Committee wherein the business sessions of the Yearly Meeting begin at 2 P. M. on the Seventh Day after the first Sixth Day of the Sixth Month.

The hours for holding the Meeting for Sufferings and the Meeting for Ministers and Elders are to be fixed by the Committee on Arrangements and so printed in the minutes.

We appoint Anna Foster, Lucy W. Foster, Emma T. Oliver, Harvey C. Perry, Thomas P. Nichols, Thomas Perry and Elizabeth G. Wilbur to serve as a Committee of Arrangements for the next annual sessions of the Yearly Meeting.

The Committee appointed to inspect the Memorials of Charles Perry and Phebe Wilbur Perry Buffum report that they find them acceptable as presented. The Memorials have been read and being fully united with, are approved by this Yearly Meeting. The Clerk is directed to record them in the minutes.

MEMORIALS

CHARLES PERRY

Our beloved friend Charles Perry, whose death occurred at his summer home at Weekapaug on 8th mo. 21st, 1929, at the age of 78 had been a life-long member of this Society, an elder for twenty-four years and a recorded minister since 1885.

He was born in Westerly 3rd mo. 3rd, 1851 the eldest son of Charles and Temperance (Foster) Perry. He was educated in Westerly and at Friends' School in Providence. His formal schooling ended when he began work as a banker at the age of seventeen. Vision, courage, and patience, combined in remarkable degree, account for the success that came to him as a banker, and as a director of diverse business and institutional affairs. The cause of temperance, library and park, chamber of commerce, schools, a public water works system, a life insurance company, and a hospital, as well as his bank, bear the impress of a personality rooted in faith, hope and charity, the Biblical forerunners of vision, courage and patience.

If we know a man by his works then the quotation, penned in Charles Perry's hand, which was found among the papers he was carrying, falls quite naturally into place,- "To get we must also give, to advance we must surrender, to gain we must lose, to attain we must resign. The person who seriously aims at any end which can be called good must surrender something and must reach beyond the bare 'I' and 'me'."

The death of his much-loved wife, Clara Vickery (Foster) Perry, was to him a great and enduring sorrow.

For many years Charles and Clara Perry had earnestly desired to have Westerly provided with a good hospital. In his later years, undeterred by failing strength, Charles Perry's courage and enthusiasm were aflame. The townspeople caught his enthusiasm and the completion of the Hospital project was a cause of deep satisfaction.

Financial and charitable interests were with him the natural outcome of a deep religious experience and faith, not so much vocal as lived in his everyday life. The simplicity, dignity and sincerity of his personality and presence were deeply felt as he sat with us in our meetings for worship. Faithful in attendance and sensitive to the moving of the Spirit, our business meetings welcomed the weight of his considered experience and sound judgment.

Though he carried through life a heavy load of responsibilities, he gladly helped with patient advice, wise counsel or pecuniary aid any who came to him in need. A man of true humility, his sterling qualities of mind and heart could not fail to leave a deep impression on those with whom he came in contact. His kindness and unselfishness were unfailing and unobtrusive.

In his modesty he would be distressed by eulogy. To a message of loving sympathy and appreciation sent to him at our last Yearly Meeting he said, "Tell them I feel that I am the least among them all."

PHEBE WILBUR PERRY BUFFUM

Our meeting and community sustained a great loss in the passing of our dear friend Phebe Wilbur Perry Buffum who died at her home in Westerly on First Month 2, 1930.

She was the younger daughter of Charles and Temperance (Foster) Perry, born Eleventh Month 2, 1855 and a member of this Society all her life. She married Frederick C. Buffum, Tenth Month 26, 1881 and had two children. With the exception of a few years spent in Florida, her home has been in Westerly, where she was well known as a devoted wife and mother, a gracious hostess, a helpful neighbor and a loyal member of the meeting.

Quiet, dignified and gentle, hers has been a welcome presence, the fragrance of whose steadfast daily life and loving sympathy is keenly missed.

The Communications and Epistle Committee submitted a General Epistle with the proposal that it be addressed by this Yearly Meeting to the meetings with which we regularly correspond and to others whose communications were read in this meeting. The proposed epistle was heartily united with, and the Clerk is directed to forward the same, as above stated, signed on our behalf.

GENERAL EPISTLE

As we have listened to the reading of the epistles which have been sent to us by you from many parts of the world, we have felt a true companionship with you all. You have shared with us some of your problems, you have urged us to hold loyally to the precious truths of our Quaker heritage, you have called us to join with you in the practice of the presence and life of God, you have testified to the uniting power of His spirit.

As we, your brothers and sisters, have listened to your letters, our hearts have beat more warmly at your assurances of love, and our spirits have been deeply moved by your challenges to religious adventure under the leadership of God.

We take note that in many of your epistles there is testimony to the value of the meeting for worship held in life and power. With this testimony we would heartily unite. On the steadfastness of our desire to hold our minds at their highest spiritual level during our meetings, must depend the degree of beauty and usefulness to which these meetings will attain. With willing and contrite souls the spirit of God can do marvellous things, but among those who are dulled or who turn from responsibilities, how can the Master find instruments for His work? Let us pray fervently, then, that our insensitive hearts and minds become more alert to hear, our cowardly spirits more willing to undertake.

Through three centuries the faithful of our Society have been aroused, far in advance of their age, to an awareness of suffering and injustice, and to zeal and courage in righting them. We realize that some of the precious truths for which our predecessors have stood have been accepted by many. But fear, poverty, overwork and prejudice present new forms of oppression in our modern industrial civilization, and many people not so oppressed have no conception of how to use to profit the plenty and leisure which are theirs.

Under these conditions and with the heritage which we possess how can we be excused if we are not in advance of our age and foremost among those who are sharing in bringing in the kingdom of God? Unless we are awake to the implications of our faith and to their application to new and changing conditions, we are not in touch with the source of all right guidance.

We believe, therefore, it is of paramount importance that we take time every day to come into silent waiting before God, that we may see clearly our immediate duties and receive from His inexhaustible reservoirs strength and courage and joy to perform service for Him.

The following minute was read and the Clerk was directed to include the same in a covering letter sent with our General Epistle to London Yearly Meeting.

"The Clerk is directed to record our appreciation of the Christian spirit prompting the minute entered by the London Yearly Meeting relative to misunderstandings of years past. We regret any offence that may have come from this Meeting in a struggle engendered by a religious zeal to uphold those principles which both you and we still hold dear.

"The feeling of the members of this meeting is one of sincere love toward our friends across the sea and of fellowship with them in the endeavor to work together in true accord and to live in the life and power of those ideals and truths which gave birth to our Society."

The Clerk was further directed to send a covering letter with the General Epistle which is sent to the Yearly Meeting held at Fourth and Arch Streets in Philadelphia, informing them of the final adoption of our new Discipline and expressing the gratitude of this Meeting for the use of theirs.

It was concluded to adopt the suggestion of the Communications and Epistle Committee that all Epistles addressed directly to this meeting and read during this session should

be printed with the minutes, and that general Epistles which have been already printed and had a wide circulation should be omitted.

The Clerk, ex officio, Henry T. Gidley, James W. Oliver, Katharine Foster and Thomas Perry were appointed Correspondents for the ensuing year.

In accordance with recommendations of the Committee on the Revision of the Discipline it is ordered that three changes be made in the Discipline as set forth in a report which has been presented by the Committee to this meeting and is on file with the Clerk.

The Meeting for Sufferings is instructed to publish the Discipline in suitable permanent book form and to order the printing of five hundred copies. It is authorized to make all corrections found necessary on account of minor errors and of mistakes in grammar, spelling, and typography. It is further authorized to make such distribution of the copies and upon such conditions as are deemed appropriate. The Meeting for Sufferings may appoint one or more committees to carry out its objects in these respects.

The Dartmouth Monthly Meeting having offered to defray the expenses of the publication, it is suggested that those having charge of the matter confer with representatives of the Dartmouth Monthly Meeting on the subject of expense.

This Meeting expresses its appreciation of the very generous offer on the part of the Dartmouth Monthly Meeting and recalls with affection that it was Job S. Gidley who first suggested this revision of the Discipline.

The Clerk was directed to send a message to Providence Friends acknowledging their greeting with appreciation and expressing to them our love and goodwill.

The Clerk was also directed to send a message from this Meeting to our dear Friends, Arthur and Emma Foster Perry, whose very helpful presence has been greatly missed at this session of the Yearly Meeting.

Alice Edge Perry and Henry C. Foster are appointed to represent this Yearly Meeting on the American Executive Committee of Friends on Indian Affairs.

The report of the American Friends' Service Committee was read.

Lydia S. Perry, Harvey C. Perry and Jessie Gidley Carter are appointed to serve on the American Friends Service Committee for the ensuing year.

It was concluded to refer to the Meeting for Sufferings the printing of the Minutes of the Yearly Meeting, certain of the epistles received by us, and the General Epistle sent in reply thereto.

The Clerk is directed to make all necessary extracts from the Minutes of this Meeting and to sign them on its behalf.

During the sittings of this Yearly Meeting we have deeply felt the loss of some who for many years have been helpful members of it, and on whom we have been accustomed to rely for wise guidance and counsel, but we have been sensible of the unwearied efforts of the Shepherd of our souls. He

has led us beside the still waters. He has called us to follow Him in the paths of righteousness.

Frequently we have been admonished to be faithful to the direction of the Holy Spirit, and as we have pondered our responsibilities in possessing a firm belief in God's power to speak directly to the heart of man, we have been asked to question ourselves as to the reason that more helpful contacts are not made by us with the many about us who hunger for spiritual food.

The consideration of the General Queries brought a deep searching of our hearts, and we earnestly desire that we may be more faithful to the teachings of Christ Jesus. Let us listen to his voice not only in the hours of silent worship but in the activities of our daily tasks. Let us learn from Him to create a spirit of love and help and cheer to preside over and send out its influence from our homes.

We believe it has been by Divine guidance that we have been permitted to carry on the business brought before us in an unbroken spirit of love and harmony. Gratefully acknowledging this, we now conclude, purposing to meet at this place at the appointed time next year if consistent with the Divine will.

Ann Gidley Lowry

Clerk.

MINUTES OF THE SESSION OF 1931

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NEW ENGLAND YEARLY MEETING
of
FRIENDS

At New England Yearly Meeting of Friends held at Westerly, Rhode Island, with meetings for discipline beginning on Seventh Day the sixth of Sixth Month, 1931, and with public meetings for worship on First Day the seventh.

By accounts received from Rhode Island and Sandwich Quarterly Meetings, the representatives therein named to this meeting are Amos O. Foster, Thomas Perry, Mary S. Damerel, Mary J. F. Edgerton, Phebe F. Perry, Samuel C. Webster, Elizabeth Foster, Henry T. Gidley, Mary C. Foster, Elizabeth G. Wilbur, Horace B. Foster, Harry S. Goodwin, and W. Theodore Oliver, of whom all are present except two. Illness prevented the attendance of one.

Phebe Perry, on behalf of the representatives, presented a written certificate proposing the name of Henry H. Perry for Clerk and of Ann Gidley Lowry for Assistant Clerk. Their names being separately considered the proposal was united with and they are appointed to these services for the ensuing year or until others are appointed in their places.

Minutes presented by some of our visiting Friends, namely, Lavina H. Edgerton and Lydia A. Woolman of Ohio, Thomas W. and Anna E. C. Fisher of North Carolina and Gilbert Bowles of Japan, were read at this time. Owing to changes in the time of holding our meetings the preparation of return minutes is postponed to a later sitting.

We appoint Jessie G. Carter and Thomas Perry to prepare a summary of the answers to the Supplementary Queries forwarded to this Yearly Meeting by Rhode Island and Sandwich Quarterly Meetings.

We appoint Henry C. Foster and Arthur Perry, Jr. to serve as an Auditing Committee for the ensuing year; and they are requested in addition to present a report at a future sitting of this Yearly Meeting to cover current conditions.

The meeting united with a recommendation of the Communications and Epistle Committee that five epistles from the meetings with which we regularly correspond and also the covering letters from Philadelphia (Arch Street) and London Yearly Meetings be read in full; and that as to other communications received there be read summaries or excerpts which have been prepared by the committee.

The letters which have come to us have laid stress upon the fact that religion is not alone a spiritual experience but a way of life, yet a way of life founded in a dependence upon the indwelling spirit of God. There seems evidenced by these writings a widespread and deepening concern that we interpret and pass on to the world those essentials of Quakerism for which we believe many in this world are anhungered. To bring a message that carries life and light we need both an overcoming faith and an overcoming faithfulness.

At Ohio Yearly Meeting of Friends held by adjournments from the 29th of the Eighth Month to the 4th of the Ninth Month inclusive 1930.

To New England Yearly Meeting of Friends,

Dear Friends:

Knowing full well that there is little value in mere words, we are hesitant to begin a letter to you. Yet the feeling has spread over us that without the

knowledge of such little groups scattered here and there, our already lonely feeling would become much greater. It is strengthening to know and to be reminded that there are others standing for and facing the same issues of life. To each generation comes its problems and we as Friends have an increasing challenge in meeting the social, economic and religious life of our times.

And so, dear Friends, our thoughts are often with you by reason of the many ties binding us together. There are ties of blood, there are ties of belief, there are ties of fellowship running through the years, but more important than these ties of earth, is the tie that binds us to the same All Father and to His Son, Our Blessed Lord and Redeemer, by whom we become Friends of Christ and of one another. It was our Savior who said, "Ye are my Friends if ye do whatsoever I command you."

The outlook may often seem very dark and discouraging to us, and at times we may even be led to question whether all that is good is not being lost. But above the clouds and through the mists of darkness and misunderstanding let us learn to see the light of the sun of Righteousness and endeavor to have faith that there is a power ruling in the affairs of men, and that it is these trials and discouragements that are disciplining us for some divine purpose. We must have an abiding faith that through the power of Christ good will eventually triumph over evil in man, and in the world and this will be brought about as individuals are faithful to the light in their own hearts.

So may we learn not to grow unmindful of our opportunities as Friends of the Master and dipping deep into the secret of our own hearts find through the light that is given us, the answer to the questions that perplex and if not the answer at least the strength to go on our way with courage and with trustful hearts that light will be given sufficient to our need.

Much more might be said, words might be added on the various problems of our daily life, but will you please accept this greeting as a token of our continued love and esteem for you and "May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all."

We are your Friends,

Signed by direction and on behalf of

the meeting

W. Mifflin Hall
Clerks
Mary C. Steer

From Western Yearly Meeting of Friends held at Sugar Grove, Indiana, by adjournments from the 5th of 9th Month to the 9th of the same inclusive 1930.

To New England Yearly Meeting of Friends,

Dear Friends:

Another year has passed and we are again gathered to transact the business of the Yearly Meeting, and do realize that many changes have come, but on hearing the several epistles read from different meetings, all conveying the message of love that binds together into that fellowship that our blessed Savior wished all to be in - our hearts have been encouraged and we with you believe there is a testimony in the value of the meetings for worship held in the Life. This can only be done by the strength of the Holy One and our coming to know that power within us. Isaac Pennington says, "Awake! Awake oh weary, thirsty souls, Come to the living waters," which is Christ, the light within which will guide into the right way for us to walk in if we will give heed thereto. We know there are so many ways by which we may be drawn away, ere we are aware, drawn from the right one if we are not continually, and prayerfully on the watch.

We have Ministers from other Yearly Meetings with messages to encourage to a faithful obedience to the Light given in all walks. And truly how necessary that we come often into silent waiting upon our Guide the Lord of life and glory, for we do realize how unworthy of ourselves we are to do any good thing. Even our Lord and Master when here on earth said "of myself I can do nothing but as my Father hath taught me."

May the younger members among you and us "come up to the help of the Lord" and be willing workers in the fields so white unto harvest, is a deep concern of the older ones, who soon shall pass from these ranks to be seen of men no more. There is a work for all, so come! before it is too late and the light is gone out of your hearts.

Then "may all strive to excel in tenderness and love ever keeping out hard and evil thoughts one of another or wrong interpretations" but to manifest the spirit of love, wherewith we salute you and remain your friends.

Signed by direction of Western Yearly Meeting of Friends.

Arthur B. Maxwell
Flora M. Edgerton
Clerks.

From Iowa Yearly Meeting of Friends, held at Hickory Grove, near West Branch, Iowa; from the 15th of the Tenth Month to the 20th, inclusive, 1930.

To New England Yearly Meeting of Friends,

Dear Friends:

With the reading of your epistle we have felt the ties of friendship to have been strengthened.

Desires have arisen that we might all live so near to the Master as to be guided in all things by His unerring spirit, so that we might be a strength one to another for the advancement of Truth and righteousness in the earth. We have felt cheered and strengthened by the spiritual food that has been handed to us by faithful workers in the Master's vineyard. So many are hungering for something more enduring than this world alone can give, that it behooves us to follow closely the promptings of that heavenly Monitor which will lead us into all truth.

We are your friends.

Signed on behalf of the meeting.

Wm. P. Young

Alice L. Standing

Clerks

From North Carolina Yearly Meeting of Friends, held at Cedar Grove, Woodland, N. C. by adjournments from the 16th of Eighth Month to the Twentieth of the same, inclusive, 1930.

To New England Yearly Meeting of Friends:

Dear Friends:

Again this Yearly Meeting has been encouraged and helped with the spirit and thoughts found in the epistles from the different Yearly Meetings. As we listened to the reading of them we became more keenly aware that there is in existence an intangible bond of love between those followers of Christ known as Friends. It is not only in the lives of the members of our Society that it is a far reaching influence, but even among other people.

Yet we must remember that the Friends of today are in a position which they must ponder prayerfully and carefully. Since the days of George Fox the world has attached certain individual and collective characteristics to those seekers of the Truth and Followers of the light.

Our problem is to face the issues and in our seeking, have our own religious experience as individuals, from which may develop responses and reactions that will show to the world that we know the love of God is real; that there is one, even Christ Jesus who can speak to our condition.

No longer should we be satisfied because of our historical associations but rather there should be found among us a great unrest and much concern over the indifference and inertia of many Friends. The time has passed for us to sense any pride in those terms, "a peculiar people", a phrase often used to describe the early Friends.

Too long has modern Quakerism made its contribution through ancient avenues; too long has the world

placed on living Quakerdom the mantle borne through much trial and suffering by the founders of our Society. The universal problem becomes a startling challenge: "Ye are my friends if ye do whatsoever I command you."

As we mentally picture the many fields of human relations, we realize how apparently fruitless our efforts may be in bringing comfort and help to those in need. But through love, understanding, and the friendliness of Friends, there may be set in motion influences which will lead the members of the human race to think on those things which are honest, just, pure, lovely and of good report, and by so thinking, in addition to other experiences there may come into the lives of numberless people that peace of God which passeth all understanding.

With a salutation of love, we are, your friends:

Signed by direction and on behalf of the meeting,

Anderson M. Barker
Clerks
Mary J. Peele

From Canada Yearly Meeting of Friends held at Norwich, Ontario, from the 20-24th of Sixth month inclusive, 1930.

To New England Yearly Meeting held at Westerly, R. I.

Dear Friends:

Permitted through divine love and mercy, to assemble ourselves in a Yearly Meeting capacity, and in earnest expectant waiting before God, feel an increasing fellowship with the Father and with His Son Jesus Christ through the Eternal spirit. In such living contact with the Eternal, we would again greet you, our fellow Christian travellers.

The prophet Malachi's statement "They that feared the Lord spake often one to another and the Lord hearkened and heard it and a book of remembrance was written before Him for them that feared the Lord and that thought upon His name" seems to have new significance as we listened again to the reading of epistles from your and other Yearly Meetings expressing an earnest concern that we all continue in this fear of the Lord, having our conversation upon Heavenly things; holding fast the profession of our faith without wavering, for He is faithful that promised, and let us consider one another to provoke unto love and good works. For it is God which worketh in you, both to will and to do of His good pleasure. Great is His goodness and mercy toward the children of men. The apostle Peter says: "The Lord is long-suffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance." We need to know this repentance, long-suffering, and patience, <u>begotten in us</u>, as we endeavour to serve humanity's need in the wide world, and in all our relationship with those of the same household of faith.

We are favoured with the company of dear friends with whom we have rejoiced together; there is an exercise of spirit for those less favoured. Some have passed through deep sorrow, upon some bodily afflictions and infirmities are laid, depriving them of these precious seasons of refreshing. Our prayer is that ever out of these trials may come an increase of the life which is hid with Christ in God.

With a salutation of love

We are, your friends,

Mordecai F. Starr
Clerks
Catharine T. Mekeel

Albert Pollard Correspondent

From The Religious Society of Friends of Philadelphia and Vicinity.

To New England Yearly Meeting of Friends.

Dear Friends:

When the incoming letters were considered at the first business session of our Yearly Meeting, a concern arose that we should send a brief message to all who had addressed us during the past year, expressing our deep feeling of abiding love and fellowship for all bearing the name of Friends. Such a message naturally is based upon the expressions in our meetings that were called forth by your letters.

We were urged to take time each day to wait on God, in order to discover His will for us and to receive strength to carry out that will. We were reminded that only by following Jesus Christ our Lord may we find solutions to the world problems which surround us. Hope for the future was strengthened by the reiterated note of the reawakened interest of Young Friends throughout the world. This evidence of new life impels us to think of Quakerism, not as small, isolated, peculiar groups, but as a world-wide fellowship.

There is a faith which overcomes the world and a faith which is overcome by the world. To maintain the spiritual character of our lives we must resist the pressure of material things about us. May we realize afresh the significance of the words of Paul, "Be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God."

In order to share with you the concerns that arose during our sessions just closing, we are sending with this letter a copy of our closing statement.

We are, with love, your friends.

Signed by direction of Philadelphia Yearly Meeting of Friends, held at Fourth and Arch Streets, Third Month 30th to Fourth Month 3rd, inclusive, 1931.

D. Robert Yarnall, Presiding Clerk
Elizabeth B. Jones, Recording Clerk

Wm. B. Harvey, Secretary

From London Yearly Meeting of the Society of Friends, Eighth Month, 1930.

To New England Yearly Meeting of Friends.

Dear Friends,

In forwarding you a copy of our General Epistle we wish to send you a message of loving greeting, and to express our thankfulness for your Epistle and for those of other Conservative Yearly Meetings which have cheered us with the thought that we are being drawn more closely together in the unity of a common life and in the desire to be faithful to the great foundation principles of our Society. We have realised that this renewal of fellowship marks a noteworthy stage in the life of our Quaker family.

In faithfulness to the leading of the spirit of Christ may we together go forward in His service and the service of our fellow men, seeking to share with others the joy and help of a free worship, and the experience of a simple Christian way of life.

On behalf of London Yearly Meeting,

Wilfrid E. Littleboy

Clerk of the Meeting for Sufferings

Summaries and excerpts from other Communications

College Park Association of Friends

All branches of Friends can unite in a waiting worship which brings spiritual strength. The younger bodies of Friends, as well as scattered individuals, need the interest and the fellowship of older bodies. We should like Friends to consider whether it may be possible to convene a meeting which shall consider some plan whereby isolated members of all branches of Friends, as well as other seekers who need religious fellowship, can be brought together and strengthened.

Baltimore Yearly Meeting (Belonging to the General Conference)

Our problems are the problems of Friends everywhere. We endorse the proposal of the College Park Association of Friends that a conference be held to discuss the problem of the independent meetings.

We look to our earnest young people to help us live in accordance with finer ideals of spiritual values. "Outreaching love is the distinguishing characteristic of true Christianity."

Dublin Yearly Meeting

There is a "sense of joy that comes from the realization of the presence of the Divine." "May our service be an offering which costs us something."

There is an underlying spiritual fellowship of Friends and of many who do not claim membership. "For all Friends in every land, we pray that God will show them the path of life, that they may find in His presence fullness of joy."

German Yearly Meeting

There is "once more quickened in us the sense of our unity with all who, like us, are men of good will." Christ's spirit of brotherhood makes us free. Faith must be a looking-forward; must be "a power of life to be felt, not material to be taught." "Questions of education for peace; for race friendship; for a spirit of community between classes, are questions of religious education." "We seek new ways of giving to our life a reality born of faith."

London Yearly Meeting

Through suffering comes strength. Our thoughts go to isolated members, who, however, "need not be really isolated, if they are truly friends." "A Friend must be a centre of friendship.

China and Russia need help in other than material ways. We must try to understand that many of Russia's people believe that in striking at religion they think they are fighting against unreality and superstition, in the hope of freedom for those who have been bound. India needs faith and friendship and understanding. We all need silence, faith, penitence, study and prayer for the building up of right relations between East and West, and for learning what it means to be the friends of Jesus.

New York Yearly Meeting (with Five Years Meeting affiliation)

After 235 years of service, the message of this session may well be, "Onward." There are world-wide opportunities before us. We are cheered by the vigor and efficiency of our Young Friends' group. We hope that the precepts of the Master may, at a not too distant day, revolutionize the thinking of the world. May His influence fill our hearts and thrill our being and vitalize our efforts.

Philadelphia Yearly Meeting (Arch Street)

(From Minute of Exercise)

The <u>reality of the spiritual</u> has been the keynote of our Yearly Meeting. We come to know the spiritual through vital experience of the Divine. The true Meeting for Worship is, therefore, the heart of our Fellowship. Our Young Friends have emphasized their desire for a vivid personal experience of the illuminating power of God working through the individual conscience, which proves itself by reaching out to other denominations, races and social classes in recognition of a universal kinship of spirit. Multitudes are spiritually as well as physically hungry. May we be enabled by the touch of God to put aside prejudice, self-interest, and fear and to take the lead in creating a more truly Christian social order.

Philadelphia Yearly Meeting (Race Street)

"The outcome of a survey of our Meetings for Worship during the past year has resulted in the conviction that the quality of these meetings ought to be in a high degree a fulfillment of the rest of our life, not a flight away from it. Vital meetings should be the outgrowth of vital lives, and the latter in turn should be nourished by our coming together with a sense of the presence of the Divine. Out of trivial living can never come a real meeting for worship."

Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England

There is now "the danger of unlit lamp and ungirt loin, ... the waning of the soul's vision." "For that reason we have endeavored this year . . . to increase our depth of life." "Christ is a living Presence today. His work is never finished." "Pentecost is in us men or it is nowhere."

The Spirit quickens a few lives, "and before long there are many who dare to trust the power of love and goodwill." "In the midst of a world that seems busy with things, we have felt anew the reality of the Spirit."

As a Communications and Epistle Committee for the ensuing year, we appoint Lydia S. Perry, Phebe F. Perry, James W. Oliver, Millicent Foster, Jessie Gidley Carter, William T. Oliver, Elizabeth G. Wilbur and Ethelyn Foster; and they are requested to prepare as way opens an answer or answers to the communications received at this session.

The Supplementary Queries were read at this time together with the summary answers thereto.

ANSWERS TO THE SUPPLEMENTARY QUERIES.

1. Arthur Perry, minister of Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting, died Eleventh Month 16, 1930.

2. No meeting has been established and none discontinued.

3. Membership records are kept with due care. Records are also kept of the non-members married to members and of their minor children, and of attenders who are not members.

4. Such Friends as have needed material assistance have been aided. Some aid has been given in helping members secure education.

5. Members of the Meetings are kept informed of the availability of schools described in this query. Several of the children of our Friends attend such a school.

6. There has been no case needing the attention suggested in this query.

7. The General Queries have been read as directed. No specific Queries have been addressed.

Upon the reading of the General Queries we were warned against being satisfied to follow the easy path of carrying on merely routine functions while failing to foster those spiritual gifts, the exercise of which calls for sacrifice, but which carry life and power. We were encouraged to turn to the Fountain of living water that we might thereby, rather than in dependence upon our own strength, more perfectly follow the way of life set forth in these Queries.

A memorial of Arthur Perry, received from the Meeting for Sufferings, was read and united with by this meeting. The Clerk is directed to record the memorial in these minutes.

MEMORIAL

Arthur Perry, a beloved member and a recorded minister of South Kingstown Monthly Meeting, died at his home in Boston Eleventh Month 16th, 1930. He was born in Westerly Third Month 31st, 1857, the youngest child of Charles and Temperance Foster Perry. He was educated in the schools of Westerly, Phillips-Exeter Academy and Harvard College from which he was graduated in 1880. In 1882 he married Emma Foster, daughter of George and Clara Vickery Foster. To her and to their children he gave unbounded love and devotion.

After engaging in the banking business in Westerly for ten years Arthur Perry became an investment banker in Boston. There, as in his home town, he gave his forceful and magnetic personality to the service of varied movements for reform, relief and uplift. The causes of foreign missions, of education for youth of limited means and of temperance were always especially close to his heart, and to them he gave continually of his time and substance, placing behind them the full weight of his strong convictions.

Alfred Tennyson once said of one whom he dearly loved:

Who reverenced his conscience as his king;
Whose glory was redressing human wrong;
Who spoke no slander, no, nor listened to it;

- - - - - but through all this tract of years
Wearing the white flower of a blameless life
Before a thousand peering littlenesses.

This describes Arthur Perry as we knew him, the man of conscience and the man of action. His action sprang so fearlessly from his conscience, and was taken in such fervor for the right, that people in all walks of life gladly followed his leadership. Clear as right and truth were to him, and intent as he was on advancing them, he was careful to present his views with respect for the person who honestly differed with him. His discourse and his relations with his fellows were on a plane of knightly consideration. His courtesy was innate and spontaneous; his fearlessness was more often the result of the logic of a keen mind applied relentlessly to the question of where duty lay for him.

Looked up to, admired and respected by all who knew him, and successful in business to an unusual degree, he kept his heart and spirit humble and in close touch with the Giver of all good, regarding such gifts as a part of his stewardship.

In Meetings for worship his attitude of earnest waiting made him a channel for the Holy Spirit. Naturally reluctant to break the stillness and quiet worship of the Meeting, nevertheless, when prompted by the Spirit to do so, his message of the love of God for His children, was an inspiration to all. He was a man beloved by the Meeting in Westerly, of which he was a birthright member, by the Meeting in Cambridge, which he helped to form, by Philadelphia Yearly Meeting in which he sat many times, and by the Meeting in Washington, where his efforts for the upbuilding of the Society made him well known. In the business meeting he was a tower of strength, giving wise and timely counsel. When the Yearly Meeting asked him to serve as its clerk, he accepted the duty without regard for the added care to an already overcrowded life, and so performed the service that all who attended the sessions while he was clerk were impressed by the unusual way in which businesslike firmness and dignity were combined with a very real spiritual concern for the covering of the Divine Spirit.

To Arthur Perry's children and grandchildren, to those of his own faith and practise, to those of every race and creed with whom he made so many joyous contacts, the memory of his personality will be as a shining light, as a lamp in the darkness showing the way to a deeper and fuller life.

Adjourned to Second Day afternoon at 2.30 o'clock.

Second Day afternoon Friends again met at about the hour adjourned to. The names of the representatives being called all are present except three.

The records of the Meeting for Sufferings were read and united with.

Lavina H. Edgerton, a minister in Ohio Yearly Meeting, is present with us, with a minute from Middleton Monthly Meeting of Friends held Fourth Month 18th, 1931, endorsed by Salem Quarterly Meeting held Fifth Month 9, 1931. Her company and message of gospel love have been acceptable and helpful. The Clerk is directed to furnish her with a copy of this minute signed on our behalf.

Lydia A. Woolman, an elder in Ohio Yearly Meeting, is in attendance with a certificate prepared by a committee of Salem Quarterly Meeting. Her presence in Christian love and fellowship and her service have been encouraging and helpful to us. The Clerk is directed to furnish her with a copy of this minute signed on our behalf.

Thomas W. Fisher and his wife, Anna E. C. Fisher, are in attendance with minutes from Holly Spring Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Friendsville, North Carolina, the 11th of Fourth Month, 1931, and from Southern Quarterly Meeting of Friends, held at West Grove, North Carolina, the 25th of Fourth Month, 1931. This meeting finds their presence and their service acceptable. The Clerk is directed to furnish them with a copy of this minute signed on our behalf.

Gilbert Bowles is in attendance with a letter from Japan Yearly Meeting of the Society of Friends, dated at Tokyo, Japan, Fifth Month 27th, 1930, containing greetings of love and goodwill and commending to us Gilbert and Minnie P. Bowles who are returning to their homeland on furlough. Gilbert Bowles reports that his wife, Minnie P. Bowles, is unable to be in attendance on account of duties calling her at this time

to Canada.

We have valued his companionship and his message inspired with a life dedicated through many years to service in needy and difficult fields.

This Meeting wishes through these friends to convey to all Friends of Japan Yearly Meeting our cordial and loving greetings and the desire that, sensitive to the leading of the Holy Spirit, they and we alike may come to know and to do the will of our Heavenly Father. The Clerk is directed to furnish them with a copy of this minute signed on our behalf.

A number of other visiting Friends are in attendance, some from nearby meetings and others from distant places. These Friends have added much to our sessions, both by vocal exercise and by their strengthening and comforting presence at our meetings and in our homes.

We are reminded of the encouragement found by the early apostles in their fellowship one with another in the first days of the church. Now do we also rejoice in the companionship of these of the same household of faith, and we desire that thus encouraged, we may be more obedient to the heavenly vision.

The Auditing Committee made the following report: which was approved by the meeting and was ordered to be entered in the minutes.

The Committee, appointed by the New England Yearly Meeting to audit the accounts of the Treasurer, reports as follows:-

The Treasurer's accounts for the year ending Sixth Month 6th, 1931, have been examined by us and found to be correct with proper vouchers covering expenditures. A brief summary is given herewith:-

Receipts

Balance on hand 6th month 1930	$1,075.26
Contributions	8.00
Bank Interest	50.05
Income Othniel Tripp fund	113.81
Quarterly Meeting quotas	500.00
	$1,747.12

Expenditures

Yearly Meeting expense	$139.89
Yearly Meeting Minutes	98.82
Tracts	26.72
Peace Work	444.11
Cash on hand 6th month 6th, 1931,	1,037.58
	$1,747.12

Henry C. Foster
Arthur Perry, Jr.

This Meeting instructs the Clerk to write a letter to the Dartmouth Monthly Meeting expressing the Meeting's great appreciation of the generous gift of the Dartmouth Meeting in furnishing the funds for printing the new Discipline.

The Book and Tract Committee made the following report:-

The Book and Tract committee have tried an experiment this year. There seemed to be a desire on the part of some Friends that members of the Meeting should have the opportunity of reading more Friends' books, particularly those written recently and dealing with present day problems. The best thought of the modern world seems to be moving towards Quaker ideals and it would seem important for us to know how to state our principles in language that is understood by this generation. It was also thought that reading the same books would be a unifying influence in the group.

Five books were selected and four copies of each were bought. Brief reviews of each were sent with a set of the books to each of the four communities of our Yearly Meeting and it is hoped that Friends have found them interesting and helpful.

The books were:

George Fox, Seeker and Friend
by Rufus M. Jones

The Things That Are Before Us
by A. Neave Brayshaw

Review of Quaker Thought and History
by Edward Grubb

Jesus Among Men
by Henry T. Hodgkin

Science and The Unseen World
by Arthur Stanley Eddington

The Committee spent $26.72, leaving a balance of $73.28.

In behalf of the Committee.

Elizabeth M. Chace
Chairman

This report relates largely to the circulation of recent Quaker books and there were expressions of appreciation of the benefits derived from this work of the Committee. The Committee is encouraged to continue it.

On the Book and Tract Committee for the ensuing year were reappointed Anna A. Gardner, Anna H. Chace, Elizabeth G. Wilbur, Emma Foster Perry, James W. Oliver, Mary Elizabeth Foster, Elizabeth E. Gidley, Elizabeth Perry, Henry C. Foster and Elizabeth M. Chace; and the name of Jessie Gidley Carter was added.

The Committee is authorized to draw upon the Treasury of the Yearly Meeting to meet expenses to an amount not exceeding $100.

The Peace Committee presented its report, which is satisfactory; and the Clerk is requested to record the same.

REPORT OF PEACE COMMITTEE

The Committee has continued its usual policy in making its work mainly educational. Literature on Peace and International Goodwill was again exhibited in Providence at the Teachers' Rhode Island Institute for Instruction where free leaflets were distributed and material sold to the amount of $16.89.

At the time of Armistice Day the Committee secured a speaker who delivered a strong anti-war address at a union meeting of Westerly churches. The expense was divided between the churches. On Goodwill Day a peace speaker addressed the Junior High and High School students in Sharon. Help was given toward financing and running a meeting in Pawtuxet Valley in advocation of the World Court.

Articles urging adherence to the World Court were furnished to Sharon and Westerly Newspapers and posters on this subject were placed in store windows and in churches. During Armistice Week a moving picture house showed on the screen two anti-war captions made from slides provided by the committee. In three communities Committee members secured signatures for World Court petitions and in Sharon members are now working to obtain signatures for the 1932 Disarmament Conference Petition.

A Centerville member served for over a month on the Rhode Island World Court Committee and gave a large amount of time to the work in the state.

This month a special opportunity to promote the education of leaders in Peace work is afforded by the Haverford Institute of International Relations. The Committee is therefore enabling a young minister to attend by paying his expenses for the two weeks course.

Aside from meeting expenses of local Peace work the Committee contributed $150 to the American Friends Service Committee and $150 to the National Council for the Prevention of War. The balance on hand is $55.89.

On behalf of the Committee

Elizabeth Perry
Chairman

Committee Budget

Original Appropriation		$500.00
School Exhibit	$ 56.98	
Expenses of speakers	27.00	
Motion picture slides	5.13	
Travelling expenses and board to Mr. Schoning for Haverford Institute	55.00	
American Friends Service Committee	150.00	
National Council for the Prevention of War	150.00	444.11
Amount returned to Yearly Meeting Treasury		$ 55.89

As members of the Peace Committee for the ensuing year we reappoint Henry T. Gidley, Emma T. Oliver, Henry H. Perry, Anna Foster, Elizabeth Perry, Thomas P. Nichols, Thomas Perry, Eva L. Foster, Harvey C. Perry, Lydia S. Perry, Millicent S. Foster, Ethelyn Foster, Elizabeth M. Chace, Phebe F. Perry, Margaret Perry, Jr., W. Theodore Oliver and Alice W. Gidley, and to this Committee are added Harry S. Goodwin and Katharine Foster.

The sum of $500 is appropriated to be subject to the order of the Committee for the ensuing year.

It is the sense of this meeting that the Meeting for Sufferings at its session immediately before the holding of the Yearly Meeting should appoint a nominating committee to bring in to the Yearly Meeting suggestions of names of

members to serve on the various committees to be appointed by the Yearly Meeting.

Upon information from the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England that errors have been made in conveyances of certain lands, owing to confusion of names of the two New England Yearly Meetings, this Meeting directs the Clerk and the Treasurer to execute, acknowledge and deliver, for and in behalf of this meeting a quit-claim deed or deeds necessary and expedient in their opinion to convey to the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England or its nominee or nominees all its right, title and interest if any, in and to any and all real estate located in the town of Vassalboro, County of Kennebec and State of Maine, or any interest therein and to execute, acknowledge and deliver any other documents appropriate thereto, provided only that this Meeting shall not obligate itself by any guarantee of title or any interest therein whatsoever.

There was read at this meeting a letter just received from Dublin Yearly Meeting, which accompanied a copy of a minute of exercise addressed to the members of that Yearly Meeting.

From Dublin Yearly Meeting, held in Dublin from the 29th of Fourth Month to the 5th of Fifth Month, 1931.

To Yearly Meetings of Friends everywhere,

Greeting -

Dear Friends,

Reading the letters which we have received, and meeting those who have come to visit us, we have been drawn into a deep sense of fellowship with all who bear the name of Friend.

World conditions call ever more urgently for all that is meant by friendship; and we rejoice that a message has been committed to us that goodwill, originating in the Love and Power of God in Jesus Christ, triumphs over all obstacles.

May the unity of Friends, which knows no barrier of nationality or frontier, steadily increase; and may we continue to support one another in prayer and service. May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all.

We send with this greeting a copy of the message addressed to our own members, that you may know something of the exercise of our Yearly Meeting.

Signed on behalf of Dublin Yearly Meeting,

Edwin B. Jacob, Clerk

To New England Yearly Meeting.

The epistle prepared by the Epistle Committee in reply to communications received by us was read and approved. The Committee's recommendation that the reply be sent to all who had us in their thoughts sufficiently to send their epistle to us, was united with.

GENERAL EPISTLE

We have found a renewal of consecration and of spiritual strength in our meetings. As we draw near to God, the presence of other earnestly seeking souls seems to deepen, rather than to diminish, the solitude of the spirit wherein truth may best be apprehended.

We are reminded of the deeper implications of our Quaker faith. With traditions crumbling about us, with old beliefs and theologies vanishing away, it becomes increasingly important for our Society to stand firm upon those principles which seem to us vital and necessary for the happiness of the world. The love of God for every man, the beauty and glory of Christ's life and death, the divine spark which enables each of us to rise from depths to heights, all these are realities to which we must cling and in which we must put such implicit belief that others, lost and struggling, may be inspired by our faith.

Just now it is our challenge to adapt these unifying Christian truths to solve the problems which harass the world today. Among these is the establishment of the principle of every man's right to honest work and to a sense of security in that work. The aim of each Friends' meeting should be to become a centre of calm and sure faith in God and in his purposes for men in the life of today. Grounded in this faith, we are encouraged to take risks, to make sacrifices and to suffer, if necessary, to advance the causes and ideas which we believe are committed to us.

As we live in vitality of faith and in the courageous joy of hope, performing willingly and prayerfully whatever may be our share of the Lord's service, we shall feel that faith and hope and love will more and more abide with us. And the greatest of these is love.

It is directed that the epistles and covering letters received by this meeting be printed in our minutes in whole or by summary according as they were presented to this meeting.

The Friends' Historical Association having informed this Yearly Meeting of its purpose to hold a Commemorative Meeting to recognize the 250th anniversary of the General or Yearly Meeting held at Burlington, West Jersey, in 1681, and having asked this Meeting to send a representative or a greeting to this commemorative meeting to be held on Sixth Month 20, 1931, we appoint Henry H. Perry and Ann Gidley Lowry to represent us in person or if neither is able to attend, by a suitable message signed by the Clerk.

We appoint Phebe F. Perry, Eunice B. Clark, Thomas Perry, William T. Oliver, Elizabeth Foster and Elizabeth Gidley to serve as a Committee of Arrangements for the next annual sessions of the Yearly Meeting.

Alice Edge Perry and James W. Oliver are appointed to represent this Yearly Meeting on the American Executive Committee of Friends on Indian Affairs.

Lydia S. Perry, Harvey C. Perry and Jessie Gidley Carter are reappointed to serve on the American Friends Service

Committee for the ensuing year.

A report of the American Friends Service Committee and a later letter relating to the subject matter of that report were read. We have unity with the work described in this report and letter.

This meeting unites with a concern brought forward by Emma T. Oliver relative to prison work. She is encouraged to bring the matter to individuals interested and also to the attention of the Yearly Meeting next year.

It was concluded to refer to the Meeting for Sufferings the printing of the Minutes of the Yearly Meeting, certain of the epistles received by us, and the General Epistle sent in reply thereto.

The Clerk is directed to make all necessary extracts from the Minutes of this Meeting and to sign them on its behalf.

We have met this year under much weighty concern for the welfare of our meeting and of the world at large. We have met without the presence of several members whose services, before they were taken from us, were very heavily depended upon both in and out of our meetings. Their ideals and their devotion to their ideals are a continuing source of strength.

We have been favored with the attendance of Friends from other meetings for whose loving care and inspiration we are grateful.

In all our yearning for greater strength, for clearer vision, we have to confess some sense of failure. It seems that were we to experience vividly the presence of God with

us our gatherings would reflect an attitude of joy rather than of apprehension. As we have been reminded, an apprehensive attitude indicates some want of faith.

Nevertheless we feel that it has not been unfruitful for us to be here. Despite our personal limitations there have been precious openings which we have received with gratitude and which have given renewed hope and courage and determination. In the days to come may the Lord find us each truly seeking and trusting him that whate'er befall we shall not be found wanting, whether it be in our spiritual strength or in the work called for in his harvest fields.

We now conclude, purposing to meet at this place at the appointed time next year if consistent with the Divine will.

Henry H. Perry
Clerk

MINUTES OF THE SESSION OF 1932

NEW ENGLAND YEARLY MEETING

of

FRIENDS

At New England Yearly Meeting of Friends held at Westerly, Rhode Island, with meetings for discipline beginning on Seventh Day the fourth of Sixth Month, 1932, and with public meetings for worship on First Day the fifth.

By accounts received from Sandwich and Rhode Island Quarterly Meetings, the representatives therein named to attend this meeting are Phebe Wilbur, Alice W. Gidley, Horace B. Foster, Emma T. Oliver, Joseph E. Meyers, Anna Foster, Henry T. Gidley, Amos O. Foster, Mary J. F. Edgerton, Elizabeth M. Chace, Eunice B. Clark and Thomas P. Nichols. All the representatives are present except two. It is explained that both of them are unavoidably absent.

Horace B. Foster, on behalf of the representatives, presented a written certificate proposing the name of Henry H. Perry for Clerk and of Ann Gidley Lowry for Assistant Clerk. Upon separate consideration of these names the proposal was united with and they are appointed to these services for the ensuing year or until others are appointed in their places.

Those of our visiting Friends presenting minutes at this time are Samuel W. Jones, a minister of Lansdowne, Pennsylvania, Monthly Meeting, who is accompanied by his wife, Florence M. Jones; and Annette G. Way, also a minister of that Monthly Meeting. Their minutes were read at this meeting. The Clerk is directed to prepare suitable return minutes to be presented at our next sitting.

The report of the Nominating Committee appointed by the Meeting for Sufferings was read and approved, subject to reconsideration of nominations as the several appointments are made.

In the absence of one of the members of the Auditing Committee Thomas P. Nichols is appointed to serve with Henry C. Foster in auditing the Treasurer's accounts and in preparing the report of the Auditing Committee to be presented at a future sitting of the Yearly Meeting.

Edith Nicholson Perry and Anna Foster are appointed to prepare a summary of the answers to the Supplementary Queries forwarded to this Yearly Meeting by Rhode Island and Sandwich Quarterly Meetings.

The report of the Communications and Epistle Committee was read and accepted, and sundry communications were read in full or in part as recommended in the report.

These epistles show nearly uniform concern over the social and economic problems which are crushing so many individual lives and are checking both physical and spiritual growth. Much of the cause of this is seen in the aftermath of war and of economic greed. No remedy is proposed in these epistles saving our faithfulness to the light within us and the spreading, so far as in us lies, by precept and example, the truth that as Christ lived in denial of self and in dependence upon the Father so alone can the world hope to progress toward its higher destiny. Like concerns were earnestly voiced in this meeting.

Ann Gidley Lowry, Thomas Perry, Millicent Foster, Elizabeth G. Wilbur, Rebecca Hutton Perry and Ethelyn Foster

are appointed a Communications and Epistle Committee for the ensuing year. They are requested to prepare to such extent and in such manner as way opens one or more answers to the communications presented to this session.

The fifteenth annual report of the American Friends Service Committee was read, and was expanded upon by Clarence E. Pickett, Executive Secretary, who is present with us. We feel that the work of the Service Committee is expressing in gratifying degree the social implications of our Quaker ideals.

There were read at this time the following minute from the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England and a covering letter signed by Lindley M. Binford, Clerk, explaining with reference to that minute, "When the subject was presented for consideration there was a general expression of cordial good will, and not a dissenting voice."

To New England Yearly Meeting of the Society of Friends, held at Westerly, Rhode Island

Dear friends:

Our thoughts have been brought this year into loving sympathy and tender regard for our Friends who compose the membership of New England Yearly Meeting at Westerly, Rhode Island, and who have recently suffered serious losses by death.

We have wondered whether the time might not be near when we could draw together into a unity of life and fellowship.

We do not wish to press a closer relationship unless it should be felt to be acceptable and desirable, but we on our part should like to have these Friends know that our hearts turn to them with brotherly affection and that we should welcome a closer relationship with them.

Signed by direction of the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England, in session at Providence, Rhode Island, Sixth Month 23 to 27, 1931.

Lindley M. Binford
Clerk

There was also read a letter from L. Hollingsworth Wood, requesting that a Committee be appointed by this Yearly Meeting to further a joint conference of the two Yearly Meetings of New York and the two Yearly Meetings of New England to consider matters of their common interest.

Consideration of both of the foregoing communications was deferred for action at our sitting on Second Day.

The Supplementary Queries were read at this time together with the summary answers thereto. There were also read appended items of additional information from the Quarterly Meetings.

SUMMARY ANSWERS TO THE SUPPLEMENTARY QUERIES

1. Emma Foster Perry, an elder in Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting, died Eleventh Month 4th, 1931.

2. No meeting has been established and none discontinued.

3. Membership records are kept with due care. Records are also kept of non-members married to members and of their minor children, and of attenders who are not members.

4. Such Friends as have needed material assistance have been aided. Some aid has been given in helping members secure education.

5. Friends are concerned to have their members know of the availability of schools described in this Query.

6. There has been no case needing the attention suggested in this Query.

7. The General Queries have been read as directed. All Specific Queries are read and answered and are duly forwarded as directed.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FROM RHODE ISLAND QUARTER

Two marriages have occurred in the past year, that of Margaret Perry to Paul Bruton, a non-member, on Ninth Month 2, 1931, by Friends' ceremony and that of Katherine Perry to Charles Viles, a non-member, Eighth Month 8, 1931.

Two deaths have occurred. Frederick C. Buffum died Seventh Month 17, 1931, and Emma Foster Perry, Eleventh Month 4, 1931.

Three members of our meeting are in attendance at Westtown Boarding School. Two members are attending colleges.

We have twenty-four members in the Monthly Meeting under the age of 21.

Two non-Friends are frequent attenders at our meetings.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FROM SANDWICH QUARTER

On the eighteenth of the Seventh Month, 1931, Sarah Tucker, a member of Dartmouth Monthly Meeting, and John Patterson of Ohio were united in marriage in the Dartmouth Meeting.

MEMORIAL

This meeting records its sense of loss in the death of Emma Foster Perry, a beloved elder of South Kingston Monthly Meeting.

From her youth she was alert to be of service to others and quietly gave help where her quick sympathy discerned the need. She and her husband, Arthur Perry, made their home a radiant center of love and good will. For years their loving generosity effectively aided many lives in philanthropic institutions and schools. The same spirit inspired their gift of a meeting house to Westtown School, a deep appreciation of which was voiced in this session by a member of Philadelphia Yearly Meeting present with us.

Adjourned to Second Day afternoon at 2 o'clock.

Second Day afternoon Friends again met at about the hour adjourned to. The names of the representatives being called, all were present except five, one of whom later took his seat in the meeting. The clerks have knowledge that most if not all of the other four have satisfactory reasons for their absence.

The minutes of the first sitting of the Yearly Meeting were read and approved.

The usual reading of the records of the Meeting for Sufferings for the past year was dispensed with, except as to one minute expressing a concern over our responsibility toward crime and the correction of the criminal.

Samuel W. Jones, a minister in the Yearly Meeting of Friends for Philadelphia and vicinity, is present, bearing a minute from Lansdowne Monthly Meeting of Friends, held Fourth Month 17, 1932, endorsed by Concord Quarterly Meeting, held at Media, Pennsylvania, Fifth Month 10, 1932. He is accompanied by his wife, Florence M. Jones. We welcome the company of these dear friends, whose companionship and labors in the Gospel have been encouraging to us and helpful in our meetings.

The Clerk is directed to furnish them with a copy of this minute, signed on our behalf.

Annette G. Way, a minister in the Yearly Meeting of Friends for Philadelphia and vicinity, is present with a minute from Lansdowne Monthly Meeting of Friends, held Fifth Month 15, 1932, endorsed by Concord Quarterly Meeting, held at Media, Pennsylvania, Fifth Month 10, 1932. Both in her companionship and in the depth and freshness of her message she has been encouraging and we trust profitable to our meeting.

The Clerk is directed to furnish her with a copy of this minute, signed on our behalf.

Although not presenting the minutes furnished them by their meetings, they being at the time unavailable, we desire to record the attendance of Khalil Totah from Ram Allah, Palestine, and of Montclair E. Hoffman from Jamaica, British West Indies. One comes from an outpost of Quakerism in the East, where we feel deep interest in the work of English and American Friends and whence came the first light of Christianity itself. The other comes from those islands which formed the base for Quaker invasion upon our Western continent in the days of great suffering by those early Friends who dared all and gave all for the Master. The company and services of these Friends have been most acceptable and helpful.

The Clerk is directed to furnish them with copies of this minute, signed on our behalf.

We gratefully acknowledge the evidence of Divine favor

in the attendance of many other dear Friends who have gathered with us, entering into our concerns and, in the case of several, laboring in our behalf to our satisfaction and uplift through the spoken word. In their companionship also we find strength and the grateful response of understanding Friends one to another. Among our visitors without minutes are Dillwyn Stratton and his wife, Alice W. Stratton, Joseph H. Clayton and his wife, Caroline N. Clayton, all from Norwich, Ontario, and Clarence E. Pickett of Philadelphia. On First Day evening Jonathan N. Steer of Philadelphia, who has for many years been actively engaged in the work of Friends among the Indians, talked to us of the progress and problems of that work.

The General Queries were read at this time with due deliberation that we might feel the searching of heart which these questions must bring to us.

The Finance Committee submitted a budget prepared for the consideration of the Yearly Meeting and the following was adopted as the budget for the ensuing year.

Expected Receipts

Balance of cash on hand per Auditors' Report *		$762.97
Quarterly Meeting Quotas		
Sandwich Quarter	$250.	
Rhode Island Quarter	250.	
Othniel Tripp Fund	108.	
Interest on Meeting balances	30	$638.00

*Does not include $108.65 interest from Othniel Tripp Fund received too late for inclusion in this year's report.

Appropriations

Meals	$75.00
Rooms for guests	30.00
Preparing Meeting House	20.00
Peace Committee	225.00
Book and Tract Committee	50.00
Stationery supplies	10.00
Secretarial work and postage	125.00
Printing minutes	90.00
Miscellaneous	13.00
	$638.00

The Book and Tract Committee made the following report, which was approved.

The Book and Tract Committee has again bought Friends books for circulation among our members. Two new publications -

"Creative Worship" by Howard Brinton
"Pathways to the Reality of God" by Rufus M. Jones

together with

"The Way of Jesus" by Henry T. Hodgkin

were placed in each of our four communities.

It would seem that these books have been read by very few Friends. If this is the case it would be desirable to make a more acceptable choice for the coming year. With the hope of doing so, a group of thirty-five books (sent on approval) is displayed in the hallway of the meeting house. If it is desired that this little circulating library should be continued Friends are requested to register their choice of four books.

Twenty dollars and twenty-four cents have been expended which leaves a balance of $79.76.

On behalf of the Committee

Elizabeth M. Chace, Chairman

As members of the Book and Tract Committee for the ensuing year we appoint Elizabeth M. Chace, Anna A. Gardner, James W. Oliver, Mary Elizabeth Foster, Henry C. Foster, Anna H. Chace, Elizabeth G. Wilbur, Elizabeth E. Gidley, Elizabeth Perry, Jessie Gidley Carter, Clara Browning and Ethelyn Foster.

The Peace Committee presented the following report, which was approved.

REPORT OF PEACE COMMITTEE

The policy of the Peace Committee has been to stimulate public opinion and encourage the forming of citizens' committees in order to do educational work through wider channels. In Sharon a group of citizens distributed literature, organized a mass meeting with peace speakers and divided the town into sections with leaders canvassing the town for signers to Disarmament Conference petitions. In Warwick the work has consisted mainly of circulating Disarmament and World Court petitions. One member attended Study Round Table meetings on international cooperation to prevent war and made reports to a local women's organization. Westerly members were active in organizing the Westerly Disarmament Conference Committee which was put under the leadership of the minister whom this committee sent to Haverford Institute last summer. Friends served on various committees of this organization by means of which four public meetings were held, newspaper publicity carried on and an educational exhibit to stimulate international interests was prepared by school children. This exhibit was open to the public for three months.

Our Committee again exhibited literature on peace and international education at the Teachers' Rhode Island Institute for Instruction. It was encouraging to note that teachers made more demand for the material than ever before. A new means of educating teachers along peace lines was tried by members of the Committee who invited teachers to their home to hear foreign policy speakers on the radio.

The Committee enabled one of our members who is a teacher to attend the Haverford Institute last summer. The North Dartmouth Monthly Meeting last year sent a teacher to Haverford Institute and is planning to send the same teacher to the Wellesley Institute this month. It is the hope of the Committee that this work of educating teachers may be carried on in the coming year. The Committee knows of two teachers and a Methodist minister who are eager to attend the Wellesley Institute at the end of this month if they can have financial aid.

On behalf of the Committee,

Elizabeth Perry

Peace Committee Budget

Original Appropriation		$500.00
Exhibit at Rhode Island Institute	$96.25	
To Westerly Disarmament Conf. Committee	50.00	
To Sharon Peace work	32.20	
Board for Elizabeth Gidley at Haverford Inst.	35.00	
American Friends Service Committee	100.00	
National Council for Prevention of War	100.00	413.45
Amount returned to Yearly Meeting Treasury		$ 86.55

As members of the Peace Committee for the ensuing year we appoint Henry T. Gidley, Emma T. Oliver, Henry H. Perry, Anna Foster, Elizabeth Perry, Thomas P. Nichols, Thomas Perry, Eva L. Foster, Katharine Foster, Harvey C. Perry, Millicent S. Foster, Ethelyn Foster, Elizabeth M. Chace, Phebe F. Perry, Margaret Perry Bruton, W. Theodore Oliver, Alice W. Gidley, Lydia S. Perry, Harry S. Goodwin and Mary H. Damerel.

Elizabeth Perry for the Peace Committee submitted a draft of a resolution for adoption by this Yearly Meeting to be forwarded to the Republican and Democratic conventions expected to meet this summer. The Meeting unites in adopting the resolution and the Clerk is directed to sign it on behalf of the Meeting and to forward it in due course.

RESOLUTION

The New England Yearly Meeting of Friends, recognizing that the Kellogg Pact has been accepted as a part of the supreme

law of the land and believing that the restoration of world stability is essential to the recovery of the national prosperity and the common welfare, urges you to do every thing in your power to have your party platform recognize the maintenance of world peace as fundamental and bring all other policies, national and international, into harmony with that purpose.

The Assistant Clerk being obliged to leave the Meeting before its close, Millicent S. Foster was appointed to serve in her place as Assistant Clerk for the remainder of this session.

Consideration was given to the reply to be made by this Yearly Meeting to the communication from the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England referred at our sitting last Seventh Day to the present sitting of our Yearly Meeting. Though recognizing differences, particularly those relating to the manner of conducting our meetings for worship, we unite in expressing our feeling of brotherly love toward the members of that Yearly Meeting and we would welcome a closer fellowship to whatever extent the nature of our differences will permit. Toward this end we unite in concluding to appoint a committee of this Yearly Meeting to foster closer acquaintance and understanding between the members of the two Yearly Meetings.

Henry H. Perry, Elizabeth M. Chace, Millicent S. Foster, Thomas Perry and Ann G. Lowry are appointed to serve as members of this committee and the committee is directed to compose and forward a suitable reply to the communication received.

Upon consideration of the communication from L. Hollingsworth Wood likewise referred to this sitting the Committee appointed to further closer understanding with the Yearly Meeting of Friends

for New England is directed to reply to the communication from L. Hollingsworth Wood, and upon further information as to what compliance with his request involves to take further appropriate action, subject, however, to the approval of the Meeting for Sufferings.

The Epistle prepared by the Epistle Committee in reply to communications received by us was read and approved. The Meeting united with the committee's recommendation that the reply be sent to all Meetings with which we regularly correspond and to all other Meetings whose written messages have been sent to us for this session.

GENERAL EPISTLE

Meeting at this time of unprecedented unrest and distress in our own country and abroad, we have been sensible of the extraordinary needs, both physical and spiritual, of the world today. We have felt that we should summon all our intellectual and spiritual strength to allay the suffering about us and if possible to bring it to an end.

Lack of moral stamina and the resulting social injustice present a challenge to all true Christians. We need to clear our minds of fear by laying hold on the sustaining faith which comes from fresh experiences of the indwelling presence of Him who has said - "I am the way, the truth and the life." We need a re-dedication to this way. It is only as we are able to some extent to make use of these reservoirs of spiritual power in our own lives, that we shall be able to interpret to a troubled world a way of life which brings to the individual peace and strength and to society harmony and justice. With great patience, as the Master leads, we must press forward to aid "that of God in everyman" to become articulate.

The Committee appointed to audit the accounts of the Treasurer reports as follows:

The Treasurer's accounts for the year ending Sixth Month 6th, 1932, have been examined by us and found to be correct with proper vouchers filed covering expenditures.

A brief summary is herewith given:

RECEIPTS

Balance on hand 6th Month, 1931	$1,037.53
Contributions	10.00
Quarterly Meeting quotas	500.00
Bank Interest	44.33
	$1,591.86

EXPENDITURES

Yearly Meeting Expense	$139.40
Yearly Meeting Minutes	111.70
Book and Tract Committee	20.24
Peace Work	413.45
Secretarial Work and Supplies	144.10
Balance on hand	762.97
	$1,591.86

Henry C. Foster
Thomas P. Nichols

The report is accepted. Henry C. Foster and Thomas Perry are appointed to serve as Auditing Committee for the ensuing year.

On account of lack of time the Meeting felt it impracticable to read at this session a communication from the Associated Executive Committee of Friends on Indian Affairs; and a suggestion was approved that the letter be made available to be read in sessions of our Quarterly Meetings.

Alice Edge Perry, James W. Oliver and Elizabeth Gidley are appointed to represent this Yearly Meeting on the Associated Executive Committee of Friends on Indian Affairs.

Owing to the economic burden of this time it is directed that none of the epistles received by us be printed in the minutes; and further that such savings in expense as are thus realized be added to the appropriation for the work of the Peace Committee.

Henry H. Perry reported that pursuant to request of the last Yearly Meeting the Clerk and Assistant Clerk both attended the commemorative meeting held at Burlington, New Jersey, on the 250th anniversary of the founding of Philadelphia Yearly Meeting; and that they presented a greeting from this Yearly Meeting, a report of which is to be found in the Bulletin of the Friends' Historical Association.

We appoint Phebe F. Perry, Eunice B. Clark, Thomas Perry, Elizabeth Foster, Ethelyn Foster, Phebe Wilbur and Rebecca Hutton Perry to serve as a Committee of Arrangements for the next annual sessions of the Yearly Meeting.

Harvey C. Perry, Jessie Gidley Carter and Edith Nicholson Perry are appointed to serve on the American Friends Service Committee for the ensuing year.

We refer to the Meeting for Sufferings the printing of the minutes of the Yearly Meeting.

The Clerk is directed to incorporate in the minutes the usual reports of our standing committees and such other items as the Meeting for Sufferings shall approve.

The Clerk is directed to make all necessary extracts from the minutes of this Meeting and to sign them on its behalf.

The burden of our Yearly Meeting has been the burden of the hour, which is the distressing social and economic maladjustment of the world and its contributing causes, lying as they do in the failure to recognize the infinite worth of the human soul and the unfailing dependence of the human soul upon its Maker. As we look about us we seem to see at times the forces for good being overwhelmed and it is a temptation to feel that we have no adequate strength for good that we can contribute. In our sessions here this year a renewal of light and faith has been brought to shine against the darkness, and with greater courage and hope we return to our tasks, taking with us the benefit of our fellowship with friends - old and new to us - from whom we part with love in our hearts, and cherishing the messages by word and the openings in silence that have been vouchsafed us. We trust we may not forget the lesson taught in the life of the Saviour and, to a degree, in the lives of saints who through the

ages have striven to follow Him, that the strength of one is greater than the strength of multitudes if we can know and keep before us the knowledge of His presence.

We now conclude, purposing to meet at this place at the appointed time next year if consistent with the Divine will.

Henry H. Perry

Clerk

MINUTES OF THE SESSION OF 1933

NEW ENGLAND YEARLY MEETING

of

FRIENDS

At New England Yearly Meeting of Friends held at Westerly, Rhode Island, with meetings for discipline beginning on Seventh Day the third of Sixth Month, 1933, and with public meetings for worship on First Day the fourth.

By accounts received from Sandwich and Rhode Island Quarterly Meetings, the representatives therein named to attend this meeting are Elizabeth G. Wilbur, Horace B. Foster, Henry C. Foster, Mary E. Foster, Alice W. Gidley, Henry T. Gidley, Eunice B. Clark, Anna A. Gardner, Samuel C. Webster, Thomas Perry and Thomas P. Nichols, all of whom are present.

Elizabeth G. Wilbur, on behalf of the representatives, presented a written certificate proposing the name of Henry H. Perry for Clerk and of Ann G. Lowry for Assistant Clerk. Upon separate consideration of these names the proposal was united with and they are appointed to these services for the ensuing year or until others are appointed in their places.

Augustus T. Murray, a visiting Friend attending this meeting, has presented a minute from Friends Meeting of Washington, D. C. The minute was read and the Clerk is directed to prepare a suitable return minute to be presented at our next sitting.

Information comes to this Meeting from Sandwich Quarterly Meeting that Anna Foster has been appointed to the station of Elder.

Anna Foster, Anna A. Gardner and Theodore Oliver are appointed to prepare a summary of the answers to the Supplementary Queries forwarded to this Yearly Meeting by Rhode Island and Sandwich Quarterly Meetings.

The report of the Committee on Closer Relations with the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England was read and approved.

To New England Yearly Meeting of Friends

Dear Friends:

The Committee on Closer Relations with the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England met in the Twelfth Month, 1932, at the home of Elizabeth M. Chace in Providence, where she entertained both your committee and the corresponding committee appointed by the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England. After each committee had met separately the two committees met together and discussed with much frankness and mutual understanding the relationship of the two Yearly Meetings and their problems as they affect that relationship.

The committees felt that it would be helpful to hold in the spring a joint meeting for worship and for that purpose on the 29th of last Fourth Month a large gathering assembled at the Meeting House in Providence. This meeting appeared to be a representative gathering of Friends from both Yearly Meetings, and many came from considerable distances in order to be present. There was much vocal exercise during the meeting, expressive of our unity of purpose, our fellowship in love and our dependence upon divine ordering for spiritual growth and true discipleship. Friends from both groups appeared to be in unity with the spirit of the meeting and its outward expression.

Following the meeting for worship the use of the Lincoln School was offered during the eating of basket luncheons, supplemented by refreshments provided through the hospitality of Providence Friends.

The writer of this report feels that there has been a definite gain in understanding and a widening of his horizon resulting from these meetings, a sense which he believes many of our members must share.

On behalf of the committee,

Henry H. Perry
Chairman

The members of the Committee on Closer Relations with the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England are continued in this service, with the addition of Thomas P. Nichols, Elizabeth Perry and Elizabeth G. Wilbur as members of the committee.

This same committee was directed last year to consider the proposal for a joint conference of the four Yearly Meetings of New York and New England. A brief report relating to this matter was read and approved. The committee as now enlarged is continued in this service, with liberty to cooperate in the preparation for the proposed conference in so far as to the committee way may seem to open.

This Meeting approves the appointment by the Meeting for Sufferings of Henry H. Perry and Ann Gidley Lowry as representatives of this Meeting on the Agenda Committee for the conference and as alternate representatives on the Agenda Committee it appoints Millicent Foster and Katharine Foster.

A memorial of Mary Jane Foster Edgerton was read. The Clerk is directed to record it in our minutes.

MEMORIAL

Mary Jane Foster Edgerton, an elder of South Kingstown Monthly Meeting, died at her home in Westerly Third Month 3d, 1933. She was born in Warwick, Rhode Island, Third Month 24th, 1851, the daughter of Jeremiah and Mialma Kenyon Foster. In 1916 she was married to Jesse Edgerton and moved to Ohio where she lived until her husband's death. In 1926 she returned to Rhode Island. Mary Edgerton was always a devoted member of the Society of Friends, taking an active part in the conduct of meetings. For several years she was assistant clerk of New England Yearly Meeting and as long as her health permitted served as clerk of the Select Meeting. Her desire was to be of service to others, giving herself freely to the care of the sick and the suffering wherever the need might be greatest. In considering her life the words of Christ come to mind, when he said, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me."

The General Queries were read with deliberation and inward searching. Deep concern was voiced that the reading of the Holy Scriptures and the holding of frequent periods of family worship be observed, in the assurance that they will open sources of strength for daily life. We were urged to keep before our minds far more frequently than merely through hearing them read in public meetings the language of the Queries; and to apply them, each to his own condition.

The report of the Communications and Epistle Committee was read and accepted. The report showed that epistles had been received from

Canada Yearly Meeting
Iowa Yearly Meeting
North Carolina Yearly Meeting
Ohio Yearly Meeting
Western Yearly Meeting
Baltimore Yearly Meeting (Park Avenue)
Dublin Yearly Meeting
Yearly Meeting of Dutch Friends
German Yearly Meeting
London Yearly Meeting
Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England
New York Yearly Meeting (with Five Years Meeting Affiliation)
Yearly Meeting of The Religious Society of Friends of Philadelphia and Vicinity
Philadelphia Yearly Meeting (Race Street)
Vienna Friends Group

A large portion of these communications was read, as recommended in the report.

The epistles have brought us messages from widely separated parts of the world and some show the burden of social and political unrest that weighs heavily upon those endeavoring to live in the way of peace and brotherly love. We sense through the epistles generally the recognition that the true life of man is in the life of the spirit, and that though material things and political institutions be dissolved we can face the future with courage and hope, in the faith that if God be with us none who may be against us shall have power to overwhelm us.

Selected portions of a report received from the American Friends Service Committee were read at this time.

Adjourned to Second Day afternoon at 2 o'clock.

Second Day afternoon Friends again met at about the hour adjourned to. The names of the representatives being called, all were present except three, one of whom later took his place in the meeting.

The minutes of the first sitting of the Yearly Meeting were read and approved.

For convenience, the Committee on Closer Relations with the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England, which has under consideration also the proposal for a joint conference of the four Yearly Meetings of New York and New England, may be referred to as the Committee on Relations with other Yearly Meetings.

The report of the Nominating Committee was read. It was directed that the several nominations be brought before the Meeting at the time of considering the various appointments.

The records of the Meeting for Sufferings were read and approved.

We appoint as members of the Meeting for Sufferings, Edith N. Perry, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Lydia S. Perry, to serve until 1934; and Marian Goodwin, to fill the vacancy caused by the removal of the membership of William T. Oliver to another Yearly Meeting, to serve until 1936.

Ann G. Lowry reported informally the holding of a meeting, mostly of mothers, yesterday afternoon, responsive to the concern for the children of the Yearly Meeting, expressed at the last Meeting for Sufferings. Great unity with this

concern was expressed at the present sitting of the Yearly Meeting.

Augustus T. Murray is in attendance with a minute from Friends Meeting of Washington, D. C., expressing sympathy with his concern to visit, in the love of the Gospel, this Yearly Meeting, and in company with his wife, Nella Murray.

We have felt the comforting strength of both of these dear Friends in their loving companionship with us; and through his service we have been led to fresh visions of the need, and of the precious gift, of close relationship with the Master.

The Clerk is directed to furnish them with a copy of this minute, signed in our behalf.

Daniel Oliver, who has come from Ras-el-Metn, Syria, to visit in this country, is in attendance with us. His telling appeals to the children in our meetings for worship and his counsel and stirring narrative in other meetings, together with his sweet companionship, have drawn our hearts to him and our wills toward the infinite source of strength. Likewise we have found grateful and helpful the company of David F. Lane, Clerk of New York Yearly Meeting held at Poughkeepsie, and his wife, Harriett Lane; and of Marvin H. and Pansy D. Shore, who have laid before us the needs of children coming to Friendsville Academy to be under their instruction and guidance. A number of other visitors, attending our meetings for worship, have encouraged us with their loving fellowship, giving assurance that we are not left alone or unwanted, and helping us to realize that for fullness of life and of service we have need one for another.

The Supplementary Queries were read at this time together with the summary answers thereto. There were also read appended items of additional information from one of the Quarterly Meetings.

SUMMARY ANSWERS TO THE SUPPLEMENTARY QUERIES

1. Isabel L. Gifford, a minister of Dartmouth Monthly Meeting, died Eighth Month, 18th, 1932.

   Mary Anna Oliver, an elder of Nantucket Monthly Meeting, died Eleventh Month 22d, 1932.

   Mary J. Foster Edgerton, an elder of Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting, died Third Month 3d, 1933.

2. The Particular Meeting at Sharon, Massachusetts, has been discontinued because of the removal of the members beyond the limits of the Meeting. No new meetings have been established.

3. Care is taken to keep regular records of all changes in membership in the book provided by the Yearly Meeting. This is compared with the records of the overseers of each monthly meeting. Overseers keep a list of non-members married to members and of their minor children. They keep a list of attenders who are not members.

4. Two monthly meetings give the answer that material assistance is given when cases require: the other meeting that none are in need of assistance.

5. There is a concern in the meetings that members should know of schools which are in charge of teachers of Christian character.

6. There has been no placing of judgment.

7. The several requirements of this query have been carried out.

The Committee appointed to audit the accounts of the Treasurer reports as follows:

The Treasurer's accounts for the year ending Sixth Month 3d, 1933, have been examined by us and found to be correct with proper vouchers filed covering expenditures.

A brief summary is herewith given:

RECEIPTS

Balance on hand 6th Month, 1932	$ 762.97
Othniel Tripp Fund, 1932	108.65
Othniel Tripp Fund, 1933	93.93
Quarterly Meeting quotas	500.00
Bank Interest	34.87
	$ 1,500.42

EXPENDITURES

Yearly Meeting Expense	$ 116.77
Yearly Meeting Minutes	67.17
Book and Tract Committee	20.71
Peace Work	224.98
Secretarial Work and Supplies	101.60
Balance on hand 6th Month, 1933	969.19
	$ 1,500.42

Henry C. Foster
Thomas Perry

The report is accepted. Henry C. Foster and Thomas Perry are appointed to serve as Auditing Committee for the ensuing year.

The Finance Committee submitted a budget prepared for the consideration of the Yearly Meeting and the following was adopted as the budget for the ensuing year.

Expected Receipts

Balance of cash on hand per Auditors' Report		$ 969.19
Quarterly Meeting Quotas		
Rhode Island Quarter	$ 250.	
Sandwich Quarter	250.	
Othniel Tripp Fund	90.	
Interest on Meeting Balances	30.	$ 620.00

Appropriations

Meals	$ 60.	
Preparing Meeting House	20.	
Peace Committee	340.	
Book and Tract Committee	50.	
Stationery supplies	10.	
Secretarial Work and postage	125.	
Printing Minutes	75.	
Miscellaneous	20.	$ 700.00

Henry C. Foster
Thomas Perry
Henry H. Perry

The Book and Tract Committee made the following report, which was approved.

REPORT OF BOOK AND TRACT COMMITTEE

A number of books were sent on approval from Friends' Book Store in Philadelphia and were displayed in the entry of the Meeting House during our Yearly Meeting last year. Friends looked them over and registered their choice of books to be

bought and distributed in the four localities, Westerly, Boston, Centerville and North Dartmouth, in order that they might be read by all of our members who desired them.

The following were obtained:

3 copies	"Quaker Homespuns"	by Isabel Grubb
2 "	"The Boy Who Dared"	by M. H. Wade
2 "	"Stories the Iroquois Told Their Children"	by Mabel Powers
1 copy	"House of the Lord"	by Evelyn Underhill
2 copies	"Challenged"	by C. A. Mason
1 copy	"Christian Faith in a New Age"	by Rufus M. Jones
1 "	"Story of Quakerism"	by E. B. Emmott
2 copies	"Little Pilgrims to Penn's Woods"	by E. Brann
1 copy	"As I See It"	by Norman Thomas

The cost of the books was $20.71.

There were no other activities carried on by the committee.

Elizabeth M. Chace,
Chairman

As members of the Book and Tract Committee for the ensuing year we appoint Ethel Foster, Elizabeth M. Chace, Mary H. Damerel, James W. Oliver, Mary Elizabeth Foster, Henry C. Foster, Anna H. Chace, Elizabeth G. Wilbur, Elizabeth E. Gidley, Elizabeth Perry, Jessie Gidley Carter and Clara Browning. Elizabeth M. Chace having asked to be relieved from service as chairman, Ethel Foster is appointed chairman of this committee.

This Meeting earnestly desires to record its deep sense of loss in the death of Lydia Sharpless Perry. Her sane mind and clear vision contributed much to the life of the meeting and her fortitude of spirit gave a radiance to the close of her life that should illuminate our most difficult journeys.

The Peace Committee presented the following report which was approved.

REPORT OF PEACE COMMITTEE

The past year work along educational lines was continued. The Committee again exhibited international literature for school children at the Rhode Island Institute of Instruction for two days.

More members of the Meeting have been active than hitherto. In one community a large amount of service was given to the peace cause. Members sponsored a study group throughout the year which culminated in a general public meeting well attended. They helped arrange peace programs for meetings in three local women's organizations. Programs were also supplied on disarmament and international problems to a local high school.

The Committee gave scholarships to five young people, who attended the Wellesley Institute of International Relations, two teachers, two Brown graduate students and a minister. Another teacher was sent through the influence of the Committee by the Dartmouth Monthly Meeting. This year the Committee has again found five applicants most suitable for scholarships for the Institute if the appropriation for next year permits. Those who attended the Institute last year have been active in peace work and it is our opinion that this Committee can give no more important service than to educate and stimulate fresh leaders in the cause.

On behalf of the Committee,

Elizabeth Perry,
Chairman

Peace Committee Budget

Original Appropriation		$225.00
Exhibit at Rhode Island Institute	$34.98	
Scholarships for Wellesley Institute	155.00	
Rent of hall for public meeting	6.00	
American Friends Service Committee	29.00	224.98
Amount unexpended		.02

As members of the Peace Committee for the ensuing year we appoint Elizabeth Perry, Henry T. Gidley, William Foster, Henry H. Perry, Anna Foster, Mary S. Damerel, Thomas Perry, Eva L. Foster, Katharine Foster, Harvey C. Perry, Millicent S. Foster, Ethel Foster, Elizabeth M. Chace, Phebe F. Perry, Margaret Perry Bruton, W. Theodore Oliver, Alice W. Gidley, Lydia A. Nichols, Harry S. Goodwin and Mary H. Damerel.

The Communications and Epistle Committee reported the preparation of special messages to the German and to the Dutch Yearly Meetings and a general epistle to be sent to

all the Yearly Meetings and groups of Friends from which this Meeting has received messages, and to any others with which we usually correspond.

The several messages met with full unity in this meeting and the report of the Committee was accepted.

Epistle to German Friends

Dear Friends in Germany:

Your letter brought you very near to us in spirit. We wish you to know of our love and sympathy for you in your present time of trial. While mindful of our own inexperience of such testings, we have assurance that you will be strengthened as you depend on the Inner Light.

The rise of Christianity occurred during one of the most troublous times in history. Yet Christianity grew mightily. So in this day, we need have no fear for the future of our religion. In times of deepest stress we are made more aware of our dependence on the strength of God. Amid sudden and startling changes, "nevertheless, the foundation of God standeth sure."

We greet you with love.

Epistle to Dutch Friends

Dear Friends:

Your epistle was read in our Yearly Meeting held in Sixth Month, 1933. These letters from Friends in the United States and abroad brought us to realize more vividly our spiritual kinship and heartened us afresh to continue the tasks immediately about us the while seeking light that our present service may be a contribution to a better world.

At the reading of your epistle, we were reminded of the debt all Friends owe to one of your countrymen for his authoritative history of Quakerism.

As we write to you, the miles between Holland and New England seem to disappear and we are brothers who take each other by the hand.

With love, your friends.

GENERAL EPISTLE

We have met this year under a sense of our individual need for wisdom, strength and fortitude. The wisdom and strength of a group can only come as the members continually seek Divine leading. The basis of Christian civilization is spiritual and moral power of the people. Supported by an unwavering faith, we should seek tirelessly in our own hearts for the source of moral power, and for guidance in applying that power. We have resolved anew to keep close to Jesus Christ, whose loving care is as that of the shepherd over his defenseless flock, and whose guidance will keep us

from wandering in a maze of confusion and uncertainty. We shall find essential unity with the best in all men. We shall be steadied to meet situations that call for more than we feel we can give, and life will take on new meaning and purpose. In the very uncertainties of today, we shall find our opportunities to serve enlarged.

In every session of our meeting, our responsibility to our children has been emphasized. The intimations of God's love come early and in many forms. Our task is to encourage this sense of God's realness, nearness, and leadership. As the children accept this leadership, they will be able to prove all things in this confusing world, and to hold fast to those things that have permanent value. Believing that the Friends' historic dependence on the Inner Light offers the best approach to God, we earnestly hope that our children may learn to know and love the faith and practice of our society.

Phebe F. Perry, Rebecca Hutton Perry, Harvey C. Perry, Thomas P. Nichols, Alice Edge Perry, Thyra Jane Foster and Jessie Gidley Carter are appointed a Communications and Epistle Committee for the ensuing year.

Alice Edge Perry, James W. Oliver and Elizabeth E. Gidley are appointed to represent this Yearly Meeting on the Associated Executive Committee of Friends on Indian Affairs.

We appoint Phebe F. Perry, Eunice B. Clark, Thomas Perry, Elizabeth Foster, Ethel Foster, Phebe Wilbur, Rebecca Hutton Perry and Clara Browning to serve as a Committee of Arrangements for the next annual sessions of the Yearly Meeting.

Harvey C. Perry, Jessie Gidley Carter and Edith Nicholson Perry are appointed to serve on the American Friends Service Committee for the ensuing year.

There was presented to the Meeting a letter from Beane & Beane, attorneys at law at Augusta, Maine, relative to a pending bill in equity concerning real estate in Vassalboro, Maine, which bill was also before the Meeting. The Clerk stated that he and Thomas Perry had examined a certified copy of the subpoena, bill and order of the Court, and were

satisfied that the subject matter related only to parcels of land located in Vassalboro, Maine, in which it is believed that this Meeting has no interest in equity, the legal interest, if any, having arisen through a mistake in designating the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England as "New England Yearly Meeting of Friends" in several deeds to parcels of real estate in Vassalboro, this being the same matter concerning which action was taken and a quitclaim deed authorized by this Meeting in 1931. The Clerk expressed the opinion that there was no occasion for this Meeting to take any action and the Meeting was satisfied to follow this course.

We refer to the Meeting for Sufferings the printing of the minutes of the Yearly Meeting, with recommendation that the epistles received from other meetings be not included in the printed minutes.

The Clerk is directed to incorporate in the minutes such reports of our standing committees and such other items as the Meeting for Sufferings shall approve.

The Clerk is directed to make all necessary extracts from the minutes of this Meeting and to sign them on its behalf.

We have been privileged to meet in our sessions with great unity of spirit, in the company of dear friends from near and afar, and under a healing sense of harmony with the Divine Will. To an unusual degree light from an anointed ministry and the utterance of consecrated lives have overspread our meetings pointing to us the way of truth, the conquering power of faith, and the sufficiency of Divine Grace for our deepest need.

Grateful to our Heavenly Father for the bountiful gift of his love, we now conclude, purposing to meet at this place at the appointed time next year if consistent with the Divine Will.

Henry M. Perry

Clerk

MINUTES OF THE SESSION OF 1934

NEW ENGLAND YEARLY MEETING

of

FRIENDS

At New England Yearly Meeting of Friends held at Westerly, Rhode Island, with meetings for discipline beginning on Seventh Day the second of Sixth Month, 1934, and with public meetings for worship on First Day the third.

By accounts received from Rhode Island and Sandwich Quarterly Meetings, the representatives therein named to attend this meeting are Eunice B. Clark, Samuel C. Webster, Amos O. Foster, Elizabeth Perry, Thomas P. Nichols, Elizabeth G. Wilbur, Mary E. Foster, Henry T. Gidley, Anna Foster and Henry C. Foster. All the representatives are present except two, one of whom has deceased since her appointment.

Samuel C. Webster, on behalf of the representatives, presented a written certificate proposing the name of Henry H. Perry for Clerk and of Ann G. Lowry for Assistant Clerk. Upon separate consideration of these names the proposal was united with and they are appointed to these services for the ensuing year or until others are appointed in their places.

Esther Morton Smith, a visiting Friend attending this meeting, has presented a minute from Friends Meeting of Washington, D. C. The minute was read and the Clerk is directed to prepare a suitable return minute to be presented at our next sitting.

A memorial of Horace B. Foster, an elder of Nantucket Monthly Meeting, was read and united with. The Clerk is directed to record the memorial in our minutes.

MEMORIAL

Horace B. Foster, a beloved elder of Nantucket Monthly Meeting, died at his home in West Warwick, Rhode Island, Eighth Month Second, 1933. He was born Seventh Month First, 1850, the son of John and Paulina Kenyon Foster. He was always a devoted member of the Society of Friends and diligent in attending meetings. He was particularly concerned in the latter part of his life that Friends should endeavor to seek the guidance of the Spirit in the conduct of meeting affairs, and not enter into any activities except under its direction.

He served nearly forty years as clerk of Nantucket Monthly Meeting. His concern for his meeting was evidenced by his occasional communications which were very acceptable.

As companion to several ministers, he traveled widely and in much unity, visiting Meetings and families.

Horace B. Foster's home was always open in loving hospitality to visiting Friends. He was held in genuine esteem by business associates and neighbors. We deeply feel his loss.

There were many expressions in the Meeting of our profound sense of loss in the death of Elizabeth Gardner Wilbur, an elder of Dartmouth Monthly Meeting. Her unselfish and generous spirit always found response throughout our membership, both the young and the old. Following a pathway wherein many might have faltered, she never seemed to lack strength for the hour nor light unto the next step that lay before her; and one might truly say that she was radiant with that light. "Even the youths shall faint and be weary, and the young men shall utterly fall: But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint."

The Clerk is directed to forward a copy of this minute, with loving greeting and sympathy, to Anna A. Gardner, her sister, who to our regret is unable to attend our sittings this year.

A proposal that the report of the Nominating Committee be read seriatim, as the various committees are considered, was approved.

Jane Foster, Harvey C. Perry and Eunice B. Clark are appointed to prepare a summary of the answers to the Supplementary Queries forwarded to this Yearly Meeting by Rhode Island and Sandwich Quarterly Meetings.

A report was read which was presented by the Committee on Relations with Other Yearly Meetings, relative to an informal joint conference of the four Yearly Meetings of New York and New England, held Twelfth Month last in New York City. J. Passmore Elkinton and his wife, Anna Griscom Elkinton, of Philadelphia, both now in attendance with us, encouraged us to consider seriously concerns to become traveling Friends, that there may be a renewal, as in earlier days, of an interchange of fellowship and helpful ministry between widely separated Meetings. Unity was expressed with this concern.

REPORT OF
COMMITTEE ON RELATIONS WITH OTHER YEARLY MEETINGS

The proposed joint conference of the four Yearly Meetings of New York and New England which was considered by the Yearly Meeting in 1933 was abandoned as a separate undertaking, but members of these Yearly Meetings were invited informally to meetings on the 2d and 3d of Twelfth Month, 1933, preliminary to a regular gathering of New York Friends for business meetings. Five members of the Committee on Relations with other Yearly Meetings and two or three other members of our Yearly Meeting were in attendance. For this occasion a regular meeting of the American Friends Service Committee was held in New York; and at an evening meeting Hornell Hart laid a weighty concern for Friends before a large gathering. Meetings for Worship on First Day were followed by a long afternoon conference regarding Friends' problems, especially as they relate to the social implications of our religious profession.

As a result of this fellowship we felt more closely drawn in unity with the members of these other Yearly Meetings who clearly bear a like concern with us to realize more fully the Christian way of life, as understood by the Society of Friends. The differences between our groups call for patience, but no less for the spirit of love and attempted understanding on the part of all groups. We feel also that way opens to a degree at these gatherings to bring before other groups of Friends those principles which the members of this Yearly Meeting most earnestly desire to uphold.

We hope that in the case of future conferences of like character the Yearly Meeting will continue to encourage the attendance of all those in our membership who feel concerned thereto.

On behalf of the Committee

Henry H. Perry
Elizabeth Perry

The Meeting appoints as members for the ensuing year of the Committee on Relations with Other Yearly Meetings Henry H. Perry, Elizabeth M. Chace, Millicent S. Foster, Thomas Perry, Ann G. Lowry, Thomas P. Nichols, Elizabeth Perry, Henry C. Foster, Lydia A. Nichols and Margaret Perry Bruton.

The question was raised whether in view of the small size of our membership we ought not to consider some reorganization of the business procedure of the Yearly Meeting and its subordinate meetings. As a committee to give further thought to this matter and to report at a subsequent sitting the Meeting appoints Henry C. Foster, Phebe F. Perry, Millicent S. Foster, Ann G. Lowry, Katherine Foster, Thomas Perry, Henry T. Gidley, Henry H. Perry, Elizabeth E. Gidley, Lucy M. Foster and Elizabeth M. Chace.

Pursuant to recommendation of the Meeting for Sufferings, read at this time, it is decided to hold the usual meeting for worship on First Day morning, but in lieu of the usual afternoon meeting for worship to hold a business session of the Yearly Meeting especially devoted to the reading and deep consideration of the General Queries.

The interim appointment of Harvey C. Perry and Jessie Gidley Carter as representatives of this Meeting to confer with a committee of the American Friends Service Committee in making plans for a World Conference of Friends is confirmed; and they are appointed representatives of the Meeting for this service for the ensuing year.

The Communications and Epistle Committee presented a list of epistles to be read at this sitting and opportunity was found to read epistles from the following meetings:

London Yearly Meeting
New York Yearly Meeting
Dublin Yearly Meeting
New York Yearly Meeting (With Five Years Meeting Affiliation)
German Yearly Meeting
Yearly Meeting of The Religious Society of Friends of Philadelphia and Vicinity
Vienna Friends Group
Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England

The Meeting was much under the weight of these messages, which, we were reminded, are responsive to the times as were those ancient epistles adopted as a part of the New Testament, and like them, express eternal truths that will be valid in all generations.

Adjourned to First Day afternoon at 4 o'clock.

First Day afternoon Friends again met at about the hour adjourned to.

Because of the unavoidable absence of the Clerk at this session of the Yearly Meeting, Henry C. Foster was appointed for the time.

A message of greeting from London Yearly Meeting was read at this time, much to our satisfaction and sense of fellowship.

The General Queries have been read in this meeting. Through their deep personal questioning we feel a renewing of spiritual life and the desire to become more positive workers for the Master's Kingdom.

Adjourned to Second Day afternoon at 2 o'clock.

Henry C. Foster

Clerk for the session.

Second Day afternoon Friends again met at about the hour adjourned to. The names of the representatives being called, all were present except two, and one named representative since deceased.

The records of the Meeting for Sufferings were read and approved.

Harvey C. Perry, Lucy W. Foster, Henry C. Foster, Ethel Foster and Edith N. Perry are appointed members of the Meeting for Sufferings to serve until 1940, and Phebe Wilbur is appointed to serve until 1936 to fill the vacancy caused by Sarah W. Oliver's removal of her membership to another Yearly Meeting.

Esther Morton Smith, a minister of Philadelphia Yearly Meeting (Arch Street), is in attendance with a letter dated Third Month 19th, 1934, from Friends Meeting of Washington, D. C., which advises of her intention to attend our Yearly Meeting, in the love of the Gospel, and extends to this Yearly Meeting a message of greeting and encouragement. We welcome most gratefully the companionship of this dear Friend and have found unity with and great helpfulness in her ministry. We request that she carry to the members of the Washington Meeting our loving greeting and the assurance of our deep interest in their labors in a center of unusual opportunity and responsibility.

We feel much favored to be able to record the attendance, though without minutes, of the following members of Philadelphia (Arch Street) Yearly Meeting: Richard C. Brown, an elder, and his wife, Annie Browning Brown; C. Wilfred Conard, a minister, and his wife, Mary Ogden Conard, an elder; J. Passmore Elkinton, a minister, and his wife, Anna Griscom Elkinton; and Comly B. Richie and his wife, Emma Brown Richie; also the following members of the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England: Harold W. Myers, a minister; Willis H. White, an elder; Alexander C. Purdy, a minister, and his wife, Jeannette Purdy; together with a number of others. Also in attendance are Frank Wood of Ithaca, New York, and Isobel V. Duguid of the Cambridge Meeting of Friends.

We can hardly express adequately the gratitude we feel for the fellowship of these visiting Friends and for the ministry of many of them. They have offered us a wealth of encouragement and strength. We have been happy to have with us again W. Theodore Oliver and his wife, Sarah W. Oliver, former members of this Yearly Meeting, now removed in membership to meetings outside our limits.

The Peace Committee presented the following report which was approved.

REPORT OF PEACE COMMITTEE

In the past year the Committee's educational work for the schools of Rhode Island has been extended. At our annual exhibit at the Rhode Island Teachers' Institute in Providence, we secured three times the table space formerly occupied and displayed a very full exhibit especially prepared for teachers by the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom. This organization sent a teacher as demonstrator of their material. In personal talks with teachers she stimulated much interest and her special knowledge and her enthusiasm were most helpful to the members of the Committee and others who aided in the demonstration.

Since the exhibit could not be adequately appreciated without time to study it, the Committee was able to borrow it for a few weeks and to loan it to some of the Westerly schools. Later when the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom could no longer spare it, it seemed best to purchase a very similar exhibit which the League agreed to construct for us. The Committee, therefore, now owns a permanent exhibit which can be shown annually at the exhibit and loaned during the year to schools willing to use it.

Through the cooperation of Friends in the Providence Meeting, it has so far been loaned to two prominent private schools in Providence and to one public school where it has been much appreciated, and to a Youths' Peace Conference. It is hoped that the public schools throughout Rhode Island will welcome it.

Friends from the other New England Yearly Meeting also assisted us at the Teachers' Institute and their enthusiasm and work on the projects described have made it possible to extend our work in the state.

In regard to efforts to influence legislation, the Committee worked in several communities in getting individual messages and petitions sent to senators and the President against the Vinson bill and for the World Court.

Last summer the Committee paid the expenses of five delegates to the Wellesley Institute of International Relations. They have given proof of their allegiance to the peace cause by their work and by influencing others to go this year. This summer the Committee has increased its efforts to interest more people in the Institute, and for this purpose organized a group of citizens in Providence and in Westerly with the result that about thirty to thirty-five are planning to go from Rhode Island. Funds have been raised in three communities for scholarships, as many cannot afford to pay in full. This Committee is paying for

two and a half scholarships out of the past year's appropriation.

On behalf of the Committee

Elizabeth Perry
Chairman

Peace Committee Budget

Original Appropriation		$ 340.00
Putting on Exhibit at Rhode Island Teachers Institute	$ 21.73	
Purchase of W.I.L.P.F. Exhibit	50.62	
5 Scholarships for Wellesley Institute 1933	175.00	
2½ Scholarships for Wellesley Institute 1934	87.50	334.85
Amount unexpended		$ 5.15

Comly B. Richie, of the Peace Committee of Philadelphia (Arch Street) Yearly Meeting, presented plans for arousing interest in peace through the use of several different leaflets prepared for this purpose. He urged us also to develop into sorely needed action that quiescent form of pacifism which seems to prevail in most meetings: our convictions on this subject ought to be strong enough to become dynamic.

As members of the Peace Committee for the ensuing year we appoint Elizabeth Perry, Henry T. Gidley, William Foster, Henry H. Perry, Anna Foster, Mary S. Damerel, Thomas Perry, Eva L. Foster, Katherine Foster, Harvey C. Perry, Millicent S. Foster, Ethel Foster, Elizabeth M. Chace, Phebe F. Perry, Margaret Perry Bruton, Anne G. Carter, Alice W. Gidley, Lydia A. Nichols, Harry S. Goodwin and Mary H. Damerel.

The Supplementary Queries were read at this time together with the summary answers thereto. There was also read an item of additional information from one of the Quarterly Meetings.

SUMMARY ANSWERS TO THE SUPPLEMENTARY QUERIES

1. Horace B. Foster, a beloved elder of Nantucket Monthly Meeting, died Eighth Month 2d, 1933, in his eighty-fourth year.

2. There have been no new meetings. None have been discontinued.

3. Care is taken to keep a regular record of all changes in membership in the Yearly Meeting book. The list is compared with the records of the overseers of each Monthly Meeting. Overseers keep the lists required by this query.

4. Material assistance has been given when required, especially for education.

5. Several children of Boarding School age are attending Friends School. Parents are concerned to select with care schools for their children.

6. There has been no placing of judgment.

7. Queries are read in our meetings as directed.

The report of the Committee appointed to consider some reorganization of our business procedure was read.

It is concluded that the date for holding the annual sessions of the Yearly Meeting shall be changed so as to be the first Seventh Day after the first Second Day in the Ninth Month.

Inasmuch as the report contemplates the holding of Monthly Meetings less frequently than bi-monthly in cases where the Monthly Meeting deems it advisable, it is concluded to amend the Practice and Procedure portion of our Discipline in that part relating to Meetings for Business by substituting in next to the last paragraph on page 61 of the 1930 edition of Faith and Practice of New England Yearly Meeting of Friends for the word "bi-monthly", in each of the two instances where it appears, the word "quarterly" so that the paragraph shall read:

"If at any time it should be evident that the business of any Monthly Meeting will not require the holding of sessions as often as once in each month, the regular sessions of that meeting may, so long as it continues advisable, be held quarterly: but where the regular sessions are held quarterly one or more special sessions may be held in any intermediate month, notice thereof to be given by, or on behalf of, the clerk, or an assistant clerk, by announcement on a prior First Day at the constituent meetings for worship."

The report contemplates that Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting will be joined with Sandwich Quarterly Meeting under the name "Sandwich Quarterly Meeting". While this proposal has not

come to the Yearly Meeting from the Quarterly Meetings in ordinary course, the Yearly Meeting now gives its consent and approbation to the rearrangement so that it may become effective upon the adoption of suitable minutes by the two Quarterly Meetings concerned, in the event of such course being pursued by those meetings.

It is recommended that, in the event of the two Quarterly Meetings being combined as contemplated, the meetings of such combined Quarterly Meeting be held on the second Seventh Days of the respective months according to the following schedule:

In the First Month at Westerly, R. I.
In the Fourth Month at West Warwick, R. I.
In the Seventh Month at North Dartmouth, Mass.
In the Eleventh Month at Dover, Mass.

The Committee appointed to audit the accounts of the Treasurer reports as follows:

The Treasurer's accounts for the year ending Sixth Month 1st, 1934, have been examined by us and found to be correct with proper vouchers filed covering expenditures.

A brief summary is herewith given:

RECEIPTS

Balance on hand 6th Month, 1933	$ 969.19
Quarterly Meeting quotas	500.00
Miscellaneous	4.40
Bank Interest	33.06
	$ 1,506.65

EXPENDITURES

Yearly Meeting Expense	$ 68.50
Yearly Meeting Minutes	76.50
Peace Work	334.85
Secretarial Work and Supplies	100.90
Balance on hand 6th Month, 1934	925.90
	$ 1,506.65

Henry C. Foster
Thomas Perry

The report is accepted.

William O. Foster and Frederick C. Buffum are appointed to serve as Auditing Committee for the ensuing year.

The Finance Committee submitted a budget prepared for the consideration of the Yearly Meeting and the following was adopted as the budget for the ensuing year.

Expected Receipts

Balance of cash on hand per Auditors' Report		$ 925.90
Quarterly Meeting Quotas		
Rhode Island Quarter	$ 250.00	
Sandwich Quarter	250.00	
Othniel Tripp Fund	90.00	
Interest on Meeting Balances	30.00	$ 620.00

Appropriations

Meals	$ 60.00	
Preparing Meeting House	20.00	
Peace Committee	350.00	
Book and Tract Committee	25.00	
Stationery supplies	10.00	
Secretarial Work and postage	125.00	
Printing Minutes	75.00	
Miscellaneous	20.00	$ 685.00

Henry C. Foster
Thomas Perry

The Book and Tract Committee made the following report which was approved.

REPORT OF BOOK AND TRACT COMMITTEE

The Book and Tract Committee purchased two dozen copies of a pamphlet by Agnes L. Tierney called "Ten Studies in the History and Teaching of the Society of Friends" and sent copies to the various communities of the meeting. The pamphlet is an outline for a course of study in Quakerism for older children and young Friends and was purchased at the suggestion of the committee on work with children and young people.

Ethel Foster
Chairman

As members of the Book and Tract Committee for the ensuing year we appoint Ethel Foster, Elizabeth M. Chace, Mary H. Damerel, James W. Oliver, Mary Elizabeth Foster, Henry C. Foster, Anna H. Chace, Phebe Wilbur, Elizabeth E. Gidley, Elizabeth Perry, Jessie Gidley Carter and Clara Browning.

Alice Edge Perry, James W. Oliver and Elizabeth Gidley are appointed to represent this Yearly Meeting on the Associated Executive Committee of Friends on Indian Affairs.

Harvey C. Perry, Jessie Gidley Carter and Edith Nicholson Perry are appointed to serve on the American Friends Service Committee for the ensuing year.

We appoint Katherine W. Foster, Eunice B. Clark, Harvey C. Perry, Rebecca Hutton Perry, Elizabeth Foster, Phebe Wilbur and Clara Browning to serve as a Committee of Arrangements for the next annual sessions of the Yearly Meeting.

The Communications and Epistle Committee submitted a draft of a general epistle to be addressed to Friends everywhere. This draft, with minor modifications, was approved, and it is directed that copies be sent to those from whom epistles have been received at this session and to others with whom we usually correspond.

GENERAL EPISTLE

To Friends Everywhere:

In considering the epistles which have come to us this year from many parts of the world we find in each one of them an intense desire for light through the darkness, for certainty at a time of widespread doubt, for consolation in the midst of intense suffering, and for quiet in the tumult which rages about us. We find in each one that reaction of concerned people to urgent need which is a characteristic of all living epistles since the time of Paul. We find a common longing to be of service, to accept whatever responsibility is imposed upon us, and to be worthy of it. It fills us with a sense of the oneness of our Society that from such distant and divergent sources can come so many kindred desires. Since our eyes are thus opened to the desperate plight of the world and our hearts are quickened to respond to its need, can it be that we, who have such a splendid heritage of heroism and sacrifice in the lives of the early Friends, will not measure up to the needs of this hour? During the sessions of this Yearly Meeting we have been told that if we so fail it will be because as individuals we have not realized our responsibilities and have neglected our opportunities. Before each one of us at some time the door swings open, through which we may see those roads of service which must be followed when they are offered, if they are to be followed at all. It is only as every member is faithful to these calls that the Society as a whole can make that definite impression upon the world which civilization so desperately needs.

There is need for those with the gift of ministry. Never has our Society nor the world at large been more hungry for the word of God. There is need for those with clear heads and a warm loving touch to go among the discouraged farmers, the unemployed miners, among those who, in some countries, are tried

by the uncertainty of civil liberty, and carry to them the healing message of Christ's love and care. There is need for those with flaming zeal and high courage to join in undermining the entrenched power of the munition makers who would risk ruin to the world in their eagerness for personal profit.

The calls to service are manifold and must be heeded. There can be no labor too lowly, no effort too strenuous, if only we are accompanied by that Divine associate who alone can speak to the condition of all men. May we be "workers together with God", depending on His strength, supported by His spirit, until through long years of walking with Him we come to know at last "the glory of Eternal Partnership".

Ethel Foster, Rebecca Hutton Perry, Clara Browning, Lydia A. Nichols, William O. Foster, Jane M. Foster and Jessie Gidley Carter are appointed a Communications and Epistle Committee for the ensuing year.

Several additional epistles were read at this sitting. We read also a communication from the Sixth Young Friends Eastern Conference. Comly B. Richie, Chairman of the Young Friends Group of Philadelphia, told us of the deep and united concern of the large group of young Friends who met recently in conference in Indiana. We feel that with the evidences of such sincere and widespread interest on the part of young Friends the older Friends have no cause to feel discouragement and should lend every encouragement to the young people.

We refer to the Meeting for Sufferings the printing of the minutes of the Yearly Meeting, with recommendation that the epistles received from other meetings be not included in the printed minutes.

The Clerk is directed to incorporate in the minutes such reports of our standing committees and such other items as the Meeting for Sufferings shall approve.

The Clerk is directed to make all necessary extracts from the minutes of this Meeting and to sign them on its behalf.

Gathering not without a good deal of discouragement on the part of many, this Yearly Meeting has been deeply concerned as to its organic future and its ability to be of true service to our children and to our communities. The many visiting Friends have heartened us by their presence, and, pointing out that our difficulties are common to nearly all religious groups, have urged us to press forward in a venture of faith, eager to feed those vast numbers about us who are unhungered and are not satisfied. In the light of so-called Christian practice it sometimes seems as though most of us were chiefly concerned in the endeavor to compromise between our personal desires and those spiritual victories which are our ideals; and it seems as though the message of this Yearly Meeting to its own membership might most truly be found in the words, "complete dedication to that of God within us".

Grateful for our many blessings and with the sense both of opportunity and of obligation, we now conclude, purposing to meet at this place at the appointed time next year if consistent with the Divine Will.

Henry H. Perry
Clerk

MINUTES OF THE SESSION OF 1935

NEW ENGLAND YEARLY MEETING

of

FRIENDS

At New England Yearly Meeting of Friends held at Westerly, Rhode Island, with meetings for discipline beginning on Seventh Day the seventh of Ninth Month, 1935, and with public meetings for worship on First Day the eighth.

By account received from Rhode Island and Sandwich Quarterly Meeting, the representatives therein named to attend this meeting are Harry S. Goodwin, Eunice B. Clarke, Henry T. Gidley, Anna Foster, Thomas P. Nichols, Marian Goodwin, Harvey C. Perry, Mira Tucker, Ethel Foster and Henry C. Foster. All the representatives are present except one, who is absent on account of illness.

There were read at this time extracts from the minutes of Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting, held the 1st of Eleventh Month, 1934, approving the proposed union of Sandwich Quarterly Meeting and Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting, to form a single new Quarterly Meeting to be known as Rhode Island and Sandwich Quarterly Meeting, extracts from the minutes of Sandwich Quarterly Meeting held First Month 5th, 1935, likewise approving such union, and extracts from the minutes of Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting held Second Month 10th, 1935, reciting that from a copy of said minutes of Sandwich Quarterly Meeting it appeared that the Yearly Meeting's requirements for the accomplishment of the proposed union had been complied with. There were also read extracts from the minutes of this Yearly Meeting held in the Sixth Month, 1934, authorizing such union of the two Quarterly Meetings upon the adoption of suitable minutes by the two Quarterly Meetings concerned. Such minutes having been presented

to this Yearly Meeting and the new Quarterly Meeting having met pursuant thereto and having sent representatives to this Yearly Meeting, the formation of the new meeting known as Rhode Island and Sandwich Quarterly Meeting is recognized and approved by this Yearly Meeting.

It appears from said minutes of each of the former Quarterly Meetings that it has been arranged for the Quarterly Meeting to meet at Dover, Massachusetts, in the Tenth Month instead of in the Eleventh Month, as recommended by the Yearly Meeting. This change in date meets with our approval.

Henry T. Gidley, on behalf of the representatives, presented a written certificate proposing the name of Henry H. Perry for Clerk and of Ann G. Lowry for Assistant Clerk. Upon separate consideration of these names the proposal was united with and they are appointed to these services for the ensuing year or until others are appointed in their places.

Henry B. Leeds, a minister of Ohio Yearly Meeting, and William Bacon Evans, an elder of Philadelphia Yearly Meeting, have presented minutes of unity and encouragement from Stillwater (Ohio) Quarterly Meeting of Ministers and Elders. Caleb A. Smith, Onslow W. Comstock and George A. Selleck are present, bringing a minute from Boston Monthly Meeting of Friends. Howard E. Kershner is present, bearing a minute from New York Yearly Meeting (with Five-Years Meeting Affiliation). These minutes were read and the clerks are directed to prepare suitable return minutes to be presented at our next sitting.

Thomas Perry, Henry T. Gidley and Henry C. Foster are appointed to consider the matter of clarifying the Discipline with respect to appointments to the Meeting for Sufferings; and to the disbursement of Yearly Meeting funds by the Meeting for Sufferings, and to report thereon at our sitting on Second Day.

Ann Gidley Lowry read a report for the Committee on Relations with Other Yearly Meetings. Others spoke of the value of intercourse among Friends of different Yearly Meetings, with encouragement to our members to this service.

REPORT OF
COMMITTEE ON RELATIONS WITH OTHER YEARLY MEETINGS

Several of our members from Westerly, West Warwick, North Dartmouth and Dover attended in Eleventh Month a religious meeting followed by a conference in the afternoon at New Haven. This had been arranged by Friends in the Connecticut Valley. Friends from Holyoke, Amherst, Northampton, Hartford and various New York meetings met with the New Haven group in one of the university buildings.

The meeting for worship was uplifted by a deeply sensed recognition of the Heavenly Presence and the afternoon discussion marked by a strong feeling of loyalty and desires to help one another.

The discussion centered on the question of how the Connecticut Valley group might be organized into meetings without a formal connection with any established Yearly Meeting.

Henry and Edith Perry attended New York Yearly Meeting held in Poughkeepsie in Sixth Month. They enjoyed the feeling of love and unity which characterized the sessions, and the warm hospitality of New York Friends.

Several Dartmouth Friends attended a meeting for worship held at the old Apponagansett Meeting-house on a First-day afternoon in Seventh Month at which about 150 people from Dartmouth, Westport, Providence and New Bedford were present. The meeting was arranged by members of the other New England group. There was a beautiful covering over the meeting of solemnity and exaltation. Many persons not Friends were present.

Several of our members from West Warwick, including five children, attend a First-day school which is conducted by the Providence Friends Fellowship, an independent group. They meet at the Lincoln School in Providence.

These are some of the contacts which we have had with other meetings which have been very helpful to us and have freshened in many of us a desire to know better all Friends about us and in other localities so that we may more truly understand each other and try to obey Christ's injunction, "Love one another as I have loved you."

Ann G. Lowry

(for the Committee)

Ethel Foster, for the Communications and Epistle Committee, made an oral report, referring to the pervading thought apparent in practically all the epistles, that a constant renewal of our spiritual life is necessary if we are to carry on the work of the church.

They recommended the reading of some of the epistles and portions of the report to the Yearly Meeting from the World Conference Committee and of a communication from the Methodist Church of Great Britain.

After the reading of a portion of the report of the World Conference Committee, Clarence E. Pickett, Executive Secretary of the American Friends Service Committee, laid before us his vision of what a World Conference of Friends might and should be, stressing the need of such a world conference, particularly for a sense of unity and fellowship on behalf of Friends in Continental Europe and Asia. With respect to the work of the American Friends Service Committee, he spoke of the value of the several Institutes of International Relations in bringing our peace ideals before others than Friends. Problems and opportunities of the foreign work of the Service Committee, especially in Germany and France, were effectively set before us. We were told also of the very difficult problems of the some 300 mining towns in this country, which, though still populated, are now industrially dead, the concern of Friends with respect to this area being particularly as to education. Both additional money and additional workers are needed for nearly all of these objectives. Richard C. Brown reminded us that it was toward peoples undergoing just such difficult problems as these that Jesus was drawn to minister.

The Epistle from London Yearly Meeting was read at this time.

As members of the Committee on Relations with other Yearly Meetings to serve for the ensuing year we appoint Elizabeth M. Chace, Edith N. Perry, Millicent S. Foster, Thomas Perry, Thomas P. Nichols, Charles Perry, Anna Foster, Lydia A. Nichols, Margaret Perry Bruton and Mira Tucker.

Harvey C. Perry and Jessie Gidley Carter are appointed to represent this meeting with respect to plans for the proposed World Conference of Friends.

The General Queries were read at this time, with opportunity for deliberation and inward searching. The Meeting felt much unity in concerns expressed for greater care in helping our children to understand the principles and ideals of Friends. The Nominating Committee was asked to suggest at our sitting on Second Day the names of members of a committee to take action pursuant to this concern. We were warned that education of this kind cannot be forced upon our young Friends and that it should in large measure be absorbed from the daily example and contagious enthusiasm of the elders of these children, but not forgetting the necessity for the leavening of the divine spirit.

Elizabeth Perry read the report of the Peace Committee.

REPORT OF PEACE COMMITTEE

Our work in the past year has been mainly educational. Our exhibit of material on World Mindedness in Education was again shown for two days at the Rhode Island Institute of Instruction, which is held in Providence for all the teachers in the state. Several Friends from the Providence Meeting aided in demonstrating the material, and the committee enjoyed the privilege of this joint service with them. As the value of the exhibit depends upon time for study, teachers who showed interest were asked if they would like to borrow the exhibit for two weeks during the year. This resulted in eight public schools using it. There are eight other schools still on the waiting list for it. The Department of Visual Education in Providence tried to have a portion of it put into the school picture educational series for the regular curriculums of all the schools, but this was voted down by higher authorities for fear of outside criticism.

A mass meeting with a speaker on the munitions industry was held in one community, and exhibits for Good Will Day observance were staged at two libraries with Japanese life featured.

A member who attended the conference on the Cause and Cure of War reported on it to a local group of women. Two members served on a deputation to visit a Rhode Island senator in behalf of investigation of the munitions industry.

The committee provided scholarships for sending two delegates to the Wellesley Institute last summer and two this summer out of this year's funds. Two of our own members were in attendance.

We welcome any suggestions which Friends may have for extending our service. We realize our activity is only a drop in the ocean in comparison to the needs of the hour, and we need all the cooperation Friends can give. We wish to be awake to fresh opportunities of spreading good will. Most of all, we desire that we may feel deeply the power of love which knows no discouragement, and which believes in the beauty, however hidden, in each man's soul.

On behalf of the committee

Elizabeth Perry

Peace Committee Budget

Wellesley Institute 1934	$ 55.00
Wellesley Institute 1935	50.00
Expenses of Speaker	18.71
Teachers Institute Exhibit	28.04
National Council for Prevention of War	100.00
American Friends Service Committee	98.25
Total appropriation	$ 350.00

There were read at this time epistles from Dublin Yearly Meeting, The German Yearly Meeting, two epistles from Szechwan Yearly Meeting for West China, and the epistle from Philadelphia Yearly Meeting (Race Street).

We are impressed with the remarkable unity of the outlook expressed in these epistles coming from widely separated parts of the world. It was called to our attention that the fact that the Quaker message makes an appeal, not only in Anglo-Saxon countries but in Asia, Madagascar and even among the Eskimos, is evidence of the validity of the message.

Adjourned to Second Day afternoon at 2 o'clock.

Second Day afternoon Friends again met at about the hour adjourned to. The names of the representatives being called, all were present except four, one of whom is absent on account of illness.

There were read at this time the epistle from Philadelphia (Arch Street) Yearly Meeting and a message from the Social Welfare Department of the Methodist Church, London, calling upon us to join in a united witness for peace by all Christians. A special reply to the latter message, prepared by our committee, was read and approved and the clerk is directed to forward the same.

Henry B. Leeds, a minister of Ohio Yearly Meeting, is present with a minute from Stillwater Quarterly Meeting of Ministers and Elders, expressing the sympathy and encouragement of that Meeting in his proposed service in New England Yearly Meeting at Westerly. As recited by a further minute of that same Meeting, he is accompanied by William Bacon Evans, an elder in the Yearly Meeting of Friends for Philadelphia and vicinity, who also is encouraged in this labor of love. We have been conscious of a deeper sense of spiritual realities through the presence of these dear Friends whose loving fellowship meets with our response and whose helpful messages we have gladly received.

The Clerk is instructed to furnish them with a copy of this minute, signed on our behalf.

Howard E. Kershner is present, bearing a minute from New York Yearly Meeting of Friends, held at Poughkeepsie, New York, Fifth Month 29th to Sixth Month 2d, 1935, stating that that Meeting was united heartily in releasing him and his wife, Gertrude Kershner, for a concern to visit other Yearly Meetings as set forth in a minute from Montclair Monthly Meeting of which they are members. We have been glad to welcome him in companionship with us. In our meeting sessions he has spoken to our need and on another occasion has stirred our thought as to pressing economic and social problems. We regret that illness prevented Gertrude Kershner from accompanying her husband.

The Clerk is instructed to furnish them with a copy of this minute, signed on our behalf.

Caleb A. Smith, Onslow W. Comstock and George A. Selleck have presented a minute from Boston Monthly Meeting of Friends, held Eighth Month 8th, 1935, expressing the belief that their presence in our midst will be of mutual interest and help. We have been glad to welcome with these Friends several others who accompanied them. Their companionship has been truly helpful and encouraging.

The Clerk is instructed to furnish them with a copy of this minute, signed on our behalf.

Our gatherings have been much favored by the presence and services of many other visiting Friends. Richard C. Brown, an elder of Philadelphia (Arch Street) Yearly Meeting, who is accompanied by his wife, Annie Browning Brown, and their daughter Clarissa, has labored acceptably to all and to the special benefit of our young people. Albert Martin, who is accompanied by his wife, Anne Haines Martin, of Providence, R. I., but members of Swarthmore (Pennsylvania) Meeting, and Clarence E. Pickett both spoke to us of mission work carried on abroad through the "Quaker Embassies" and at home through the reconstruction camps in the coal-mine districts. We have been glad to welcome and have been helped by the company and fellowship of a number of other Friends from Providence, Boston and other points in New England.

Marjory Perry and Gainor Lowry reported that about eighteen children between six and twelve years old met with Richard C. Brown in the meeting-house First Day afternoon. Each one of the General Queries was read by a child and as each was read Richard Brown explained its meaning. He also explained what the Meeting for Sufferings meant. They reported that they enjoyed the meeting and understood some things about Friends better.

A memorial of Elizabeth G. Wilbur was read and was received with deep satisfaction by the meeting. A memorial of Mary E. Foster was read and was also united with. The clerk is directed to record these memorials in our minutes.

MEMORIALS

Elizabeth Gardner Wilbur

Dartmouth Monthly Meeting feels very deeply the loss to our membership of Elizabeth Gardner Wilbur, who died after a very brief, and seemingly slight illness, on Fifth Month 20, 1934. The loss of her presence is keenly felt, not only in

our group of Friends, (where she was faithful as an Elder and long efficient as Clerk of the Quarterly Meeting) but also throughout the countryside. At her funeral, messages from the minister of an Episcopal Church in New Bedford and the minister of the Christian Church at North Dartmouth, as well as from Friends not of her particular meeting, testified to her friendly interest and helpfulness among her wide acquaintance. Here was a quiet life, not blessed with many worldly advantages, which proved itself to abound with riches of the heart and spirit; not hoarded, but freely and gladly spent for others.

Elizabeth Wilbur, daughter of John and Mary W. Gardner, was born at Stonington, Connecticut, Tenth Month 2, 1866, where she lived on her father's farm, and attended the country school. Her mother died when she and her sister Anna were young girls; but the family, consisting of John Gardner, his two sisters, Abby and Mary, and his two daughters, was noted for its overflowing hospitality to its many guests, who came from far and near.

Elizabeth Gardner married Thomas K. Wilbur, of North Dartmouth, Massachusetts, on Fourth Month 13, 1892, and spent the rest of her life in Dartmouth. She is survived by her sister Anna and by her two children, Phebe and John G.

In surveying a life which has been notably lived, it is helpful to estimate for our own instruction the sources of its power. Elizabeth Wilbur's personality was marked by humility, by unselfishness, by an unusual desire for the well-being of others, and a sympathetic kindliness, which she expressed in deeds rather than in words. She avoided harsh criticisms, and did not give way to anger. She had a remarkable memory, which helped her greatly in maintaining old bonds of fellowship; she was very patient with the ways of children and with the problems of young people; she was a good hostess, a good neighbor, and a devoted and understanding mother.

A few stanzas from Whittier's poem, "A Friend's Burial", seem especially fitting to our loved friend:-

"Her path shall brighten more and more
Unto the perfect day;
She can not fail of peace who bore
Such peace with her away.

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"How reverent in our midst she stood,
Or knelt in grateful praise!
What grace of Christian womanhood
Was in her household ways!

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"She kept her line of rectitude
With love's unconscious ease;
Her kindly instincts understood
All gentle courtesies.

"An inborn charm of graciousness
Made sweet her smile and tone
And glorified her farm-wife dress
With beauty not its own.

"The dear Lord's best interpreters
Are humble human souls;
The Gospel of a life like hers
Is more than books or scrolls."

three constituent monthly meetings of Rhode Island and Sandwich Quarterly Meeting at their next sessions shall each appoint four members; the appointments made both by the Yearly Meeting and by the Monthly Meetings to be as to one-half for terms of three years and as to one-half for terms of six years, all appointments thereafter, except to fill vacancies, to be for terms of six years. It is requested that the new appointees, although holding office as of the date of their appointments, shall not serve by virtue of such appointment until after all of the Monthly Meeting appointments have been made, and forthwith after all of the Monthly Meeting appointments have been made it shall be considered that the terms of all the present members of the Meeting for Sufferings created by appointment made prior to the date of this meeting shall have expired.

In the Discipline, under the title "Practice and Procedure" and sub-title "The Yearly Meeting," it is provided that "the moneys raised for the use of the Yearly Meeting shall be disbursed according to the budget adopted annually by the Yearly Meeting;" and under the sub-title "Yearly Meeting Funds" it is provided that "Funds in hands of the Treasurer are subject to be drawn upon by direction of the Yearly Meeting or the Meeting for Sufferings." It is concluded that funds in the hands of the Treasurer should not be subject to be drawn upon except as provided for in the budget adopted annually by the Yearly Meeting; but this conclusion shall not prejudice the validity of any drafts heretofore made upon funds in the hands of the Treasurer, whether by direction of the Yearly Meeting or by direction of the Meeting for Sufferings.

Thomas Perry, Clerk of the Meeting for Ministers and Elders, reported to this meeting that a minute has been adopted by that meeting suggesting that it would be desirable to have read toward the close of the Yearly Meeting a Minute of Exercise. It has been customary to present in the Meeting of Ministers and

Elders a minute which might be so described but heretofore the minute has not come before the Yearly Meeting. The Minute of Exercise this year, in accordance with a decision reached by the Meeting for Ministers and Elders, has been prepared by a committee of four, of whom two were appointed by the Meeting for Ministers and Elders out of their own number and two were appointed from the Yearly Meeting in general by the first two appointees; it being proposed that this will be the regular procedure if approved by the Yearly Meeting. The Yearly Meeting is in unity with the Meeting of Ministers and Elders in this concern but recommends that in subsequent years all four members of the committee be appointed directly by the Meeting for Ministers and Elders.

Answers to the Supplementary Queries were read at this time. There were also read items of additional information from the Quarterly Meeting.

ANSWERS TO THE SUPPLEMENTARY QUERIES

1. Elizabeth G. Wilbur, an elder, died Fifth Month 20, 1934. Mary E. Foster, an elder, died Twelfth Month 17, 1934.
2. No new meetings have been established and none discontinued (excepting only the Quarterly Meeting merger.)
3. Care is taken to keep the records as stipulated.
4. Friends are assisted if need arises and also helped to educate their children.
5. Friends have chosen schools under the care of Friends or schools where their children are under teachers of Christian character.
6. The overseers have not had occasion to deal with any delinquency in conduct.
7. Queries are read in the subordinate meetings as directed.

The Committee appointed to audit the accounts of the Treasurer reports as follows:

The Treasurer's accounts for the period ending Ninth Month 9, 1935, have been examined by us and found to be correct.

RECEIPTS

Balance on hand 6th Month, 1934	$ 925.90
Interest Othniel Tripp Fund	167.75
Quarterly Meeting quotas	500.00
Bank Interest	32.74
	$ 1,626.39

EXPENDITURES

Yearly Meeting Expenses	$ 120.15
Yearly Meeting Minutes	81.35
Peace Committee	350.00
World Conference Committee	50.00
Secretarial Work	100.00
Balance on hand 9th Month 9, 1935	924.89
	$ 1,626.39

William O. Foster
Frederick C. Buffum

The report is accepted.

William O. Foster and Frederick C. Buffum are appointed to serve as Auditing Committee for the ensuing year.

The Finance Committee submitted a budget prepared for the consideration of the Yearly Meeting and the following was adopted as the budget for the ensuing year.

Expected Receipts

Balance of cash on hand per Auditors' Report		$ 924.89
Quarterly Meeting quota	$600.00	
Othniel Tripp Fund	90.00	
Interest on Meeting balances	30.00	$ 720.00

Appropriations

World Conference Committee	$ 25.00	
Meals	100.00	
Preparing Meeting House	20.00	
Peace Committee	350.00	
Book and Tract Committee	25.00	
Stationery supplies	10.00	
Secretarial Work and postage	125.00	
Printing minutes	75.00	
Miscellaneous	20.00	$ 750.00
Reserved for the Meeting for Sufferings		$ 50.00

Harvey C. Perry is appointed treasurer of the Yearly Meeting to serve for the regular term of five years.

The Book and Tract Committee made the following report, which is approved.

REPORT OF BOOK AND TRACT COMMITTEE

The Book and Tract Committee has purchased seven books and twelve copies of a pamphlet and has also obtained seven copies of the catalogue of Friends' Bookstore. This material was displayed in the Meeting-house during Yearly Meeting and was examined by a good many Friends. Anyone interested is invited to take a copy of the pamphlet or of the catalogue of Friends' Bookstore. Any or all of the books will be sent to any Yearly Meeting community where there are Friends or others interested in reading them.

As members of the Book and Tract Committee for the ensuing year we appoint Ethel Foster, Elizabeth M. Chace, James W. Oliver, Henry C. Foster, Jessie Gidley Carter, Anna H. Chace, Phebe Wilbur, Alice Gidley, Elizabeth Perry and Clara Browning.

As members of the Peace Committee for the ensuing year, we appoint Elizabeth Perry, Henry T. Gidley, William Foster, Henry H. Perry, Anna Foster, Margaret Perry Bruton, Anne G. Carter, Thomas Perry, Mary H. Damerel, Millicent S. Foster, Ethel Foster, Elizabeth M. Chace and Harry S. Goodwin.

Harvey C. Perry, Jessie Gidley Carter and Edith Nicholson Perry are appointed to serve as our representatives on the American Friends Service Committee for the ensuing year.

To represent this Meeting with relation to Indian affairs we appoint Alice Edge Perry, James W. Oliver and Elizabeth Gidley.

As members to serve on the Religious Education Committee we appoint Ann G. Lowry, Phebe F. Perry, Edith N. Perry, Jane M. Foster, Agnes N. Perry and Thomas P. Nichols.

We appoint Katherine W. Foster, Elizabeth Perry, Eunice B. Clarke, Harvey C. Perry, Rebecca Hutton Perry, Phebe Wilbur and Clara Browning to serve as a Committee of Arrangements for the next annual sessions of the Yearly Meeting.

The Communications and Epistle Committee presented a proposed general epistle. The Meeting felt fully satisfied with the proposal and the clerk is directed to sign copies thereof on behalf of the Meeting and to send them to those with whom we usually correspond and to others who have sent epistles this year to us.

GENERAL EPISTLE

To Friends Everywhere:

Our Yearly Meeting this year has been encouraged by the presence and interest of an unusually large number of our young people. We are deeply concerned for their welfare and their guidance in Friends' principles. We were warned that they are less likely to be instructed and inspired by formal teaching than by the consistent example and contagious enthusiasm of their parents.

In the Gospels we read of the seed fallen on stony ground, which, because it had no root, withered away. We have been led to feel that the roots of accomplishment in great causes are individuals who make themselves reservoirs of power and love by following the light in the daily experiences of their own lives. We must remind ourselves frankly that a clearer vision of our own faults will lead to a more tender understanding of others; and that by the simple cultivation of loving-kindness in our personal relations, we shall be better able to make a real contribution toward peaceful living, not only in our families and communities, but in the nation and the world.

A Friend returned from Germany told of a Jewish rabbi who could still preach to a persecuted people:- "Let no drop of hate enter your hearts." Surely these words come as a challenge to Friends who have always held the cause of peace to be so vital a part of Christ's teaching. Let us re-dedicate ourselves to a closer communion with the Divine Light in our own hearts, that we may realize afresh the reality and strength of things spiritual.

Phebe Perry, Clara Browning, Millicent S. Foster, Anna Foster, Rebecca Perry, Charlotte Gidley and Harry S. Goodwin are appointed a Communications and Epistle Committee for the ensuing year.

To carry out the intent of the minute already adopted at this sitting we appoint the following eight Friends to serve as members of the Meeting for Sufferings:

To serve until 1938 - Mary C. Foster
Marian B. Goodwin
Henry H. Perry
Edith N. Perry

To serve until 1941 - Harvey C. Perry
Lucy W. Foster
Elizabeth M. Chace
Ethel Foster

The Clerk is requested to send greetings of loving fellowship to our Friends, James W. Oliver, Mary C. Foster and Anna Gardner, who, unavoidably absent from our sessions, have been much in our thoughts and who carry our love and affection.

We refer to the Meeting for Sufferings the printing of the minutes of the Yearly Meeting, with recommendation that the epistles received from other meetings be not included in the printed minutes.

The Clerk is directed to incorporate in the minutes such reports of our standing committees and such other items as the Meeting for Sufferings shall approve.

The Clerk is directed to make all necessary extracts from the minutes of this Meeting and to sign them on its behalf.

MINUTE OF EXERCISE

As the Yearly Meeting draws to a close and we go our separate ways, we feel that it has been rich in inspiration and we are grateful for the evidences of divine guidance which have bound us together in unity and fellowship. We have been reminded that we can not make the world over but we can contribute to its recreating by being made over ourselves. To that end, the spiritual power of the individual must be renewed so that we bow to the divine will, giving ourselves joyously to prayer and personal devotion until we probe so deep that we reach the spiritual spring which exists in every life.

This is an age of skepticism and doubt when people ask for reality, but even science is coming to believe that the most fundamental values of life are those which cannot be seen or touched but which are everlastingly real. Love, courage, self-sacrifice are beautiful and eternal facts. Thus we believe that peace must first be attained in our own lives. The harsh

answer, the cruel word must be left unspoken, if we are to encourage peace in the world about us and in the wider world beyond.

This is no easy path; it is narrow and uphill and hard, but if we follow the command of Jesus when he said to Peter, "Follow thou me," it will lead us on and up - up into the light.

We now conclude, purposing to meet at this place at the appointed time next year if consistent with the Divine Will.

Henry A. Perry
Clerk

MINUTES OF THE SESSION OF 1936

NEW ENGLAND YEARLY MEETING

of

FRIENDS

At New England Yearly Meeting of Friends held at Westerly, Rhode Island, with meetings for discipline beginning on Seventh Day the twelfth of Ninth Month, 1936, and with public meetings for worship on First Day the thirteenth.

By account received from Rhode Island and Sandwich Quarterly Meeting, the representatives therein named to attend this meeting are Henry C. Foster, Elizabeth Foster, Ann G. Lowry, Eunice B. Clarke, Harvey C. Perry and Marian Goodwin. All the representatives are present.

Henry C. Foster, on behalf of the representatives, presented a written certificate proposing the name of Henry H. Perry for Clerk and of Ann G. Lowry for Assistant Clerk. Upon separate consideration of these names the proposal was united with and they are appointed to these services for the ensuing year or until others are appointed in their places.

Cyrus Cooper is present, bearing minutes from Middleton, Ohio, Monthly Meeting of Friends and from Salem Quarterly Meeting of Friends, held at Salem, Ohio.

Louisa Prescott and Sarah W. Comstock have presented a minute from Boston Monthly Meeting of Friends.

Those minutes were read and the clerks are directed to prepare suitable return minutes to be presented at our next sitting. Words of welcome to visiting Friends and of encouragement from them have brought us into a humbling sense of our responsibility as well as of gratitude for the present evidence of divine love.

Millicent Foster, for the Committee on Relations with Other Yearly Meetings, read a report showing encouragement and support given to the making of visits of friendship and concern among other Yearly Meetings.

REPORT OF
COMMITTEE ON RELATIONS WITH OTHER YEARLY MEETINGS

Many of our members have attended meetings of other Yearly Meetings and of independent groups of Friends. There has been an enlargement of friendships and understanding by these contacts. The fellowship and sincere desire to go forward in united Christian service have been a real inspiration to the members of this meeting. The committee has held no meetings but has felt its responsibility to encourage individual action.

While it is impossible to enumerate all the various meetings and groups that our members have been a part of, it is encouraging to feel that we have been more alive to the possibility of attending meetings other than our own, as we have the opportunity. Elizabeth Chace attended a conference of Friends from various Yearly Meetings in Washington, D. C., last fall. A number of our members attended Philadelphia Yearly Meeting in the spring.

Throughout the last year, some of our members have cooperated with members of the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England and of Philadelphia Yearly Meetings in a First Day school and a meeting for worship in Providence.

Ann G. Lowry read a report for the Religious Education Committee, presenting especially several queries phrased with a view to their appeal to the younger children. Much unity was felt with the report and the committee is encouraged in its effort. An appeal was made for closer oversight of the membership of our meeting.

REPORT OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION COMMITTEE

The Committee on Religious Education at its first formal meeting last Ninth Month decided to encourage the holding of small group meetings of the children under twelve years at the time of the business sessions of the Quarterly Meetings which are now held at Dover, Westerly, Warwick and Dartmouth. This has been done during the past year and each group, meeting with one adult, has appointed a clerk for the day who has written minutes for the meeting. At each meeting one or two of the Children's Queries has been read and some discussion has followed.

Our Committee felt that Queries in simpler language and expressed in more concrete terms might be more likely to induce helpful thinking around childish problems, and with that thought has rewritten some queries, omitted some and added one or two. All of the committee have shared in this work of re-

vision, but we do not feel that we have made much more than a beginning. We should like to share the project which we find very deeply instructive to ourselves with the whole body of the Yearly Meeting and ask your help in it.

On behalf of the committee

Ann G. Lowry

Ann G. Lowry read in part a report from the Friends World Conference Committee; and emphasized the opportunity that lies before us through reading and study as set forth in the Conference Outline of the Work of the commissions.

Phebe Perry, Anna Foster, Henry H. Perry, Phebe Wilbur, and Lydia Nichols are appointed a committee to nominate a member of this meeting to attend the Friends World Conference; and also one or more alternates.

The General Queries were read at this time, with opportunity for deliberation and with a searching of heart deeply felt to be needful, and to which expression was given.

Phebe Perry, reporting orally for the Communications and Epistle Committee, submitted a list of epistles received from about twenty-one Yearly Meetings. Several of these epistles as selected by the committee were read at this time.

It is apparent from these epistles that though faced throughout the world with a seeming current of disintegration of the forces of good and with the usual appeal for material remedies, Friends everywhere are aware of the spiritual foundation of their message and desire to look, for healing, to that spiritual power with which the early Friends met such overwhelming difficulties. Our attention was called to the problem arising from the exchange of so large a number of epistles, it being impracticable to read in full the epistle from each correspondent; and at the same time unsatisfactory to read only a few of the epistles, or to read merely excerpts from them. Sug-

gestions were made that the essential message of any epistle could, as a rule, be expressed in very few words; and that under the circumstances epistle committees would do well to strive for brevity of expression in their messages.

Anne Carter and Albert L. Scott, Jr., are appointed to serve as additional members of the Communications and Epistle Committee for the present session of the Yearly Meeting.

Adjourned to Second Day afternoon at 2 o'clock.

Second Day afternoon Friends again met at about the hour adjourned to. The names of the representatives being called, all were present.

Cyrus Cooper is present, bearing a minute from Middleton, Ohio, Monthly Meeting of Friends, held Seventh Month 18, 1936, stating that he is a minister with whom that Meeting has unity, and expressing sympathy and encouragement in the prosecution of his weighty concern to visit Friends Meetings in this country and Canada; and with a minute from Salem Quarterly Meeting of Friends, held at Salem, Ohio, Eighth Month 8, 1936, liberating and encouraging him in the service set forth in the minute from Middleton Monthly Meeting. The kindly presence of this dear Friend has been acceptable, and his services arising out of deep concern for our faithfulness and submission to the Divine Will have directed us to inward searching.

The Clerk is instructed to furnish him with a copy of this minute, signed on our behalf.

Louisa Prescott and Sarah W. Comstock have presented a minute from Boston Monthly Meeting of Friends, dated Ninth Month 10, 1936, granting them a traveling minute as members in

good standing and devoted workers in the service of the Society. Their presence with us in loving fellowship has been acceptable and encouraging.

The Clerk is instructed to furnish them with a copy of this minute, signed on our behalf.

We have been greatly favored by the presence of a number of other visiting Friends who have come without minutes. Rufus M. Jones, for many years one with us in spirit and a welcome guest in our homes, is at this time in attendance at our sessions. Giving freely of his labors, both at our regular meetings and as lecturer at two special meetings, he has expanded to large groups of Friends and others the true basis of the historical Quaker message, and has laid upon our hearts the acceptance of these principles as vital in our own lives. From New York Yearly Meeting we welcome our dear Friends, David and Harriett Lane, and L. Hollingsworth and Martha Wood. Marjorie Allee and her daughter Barbara from Chicago, Richard and Annie Brown from Philadelphia, Winslow and Ruth Osborne from Concord, New Hampshire, S. Paul Townsend from Boston, Samuel Cooper from Ohio, and Lewis Benson from Manasquan, New Jersey, are among the many welcome visitors who have come from a distance. Vocally and in silence, these guests have ministered to us, testifying to our oneness of spirit and to the stature of attainment which it is our privilege to seek.

A memorial of Mary C. Foster which was read was found acceptable to this Meeting. The clerk is directed to record it in our minutes.

MEMORIAL

Mary C. Foster

Mary C. Foster, a minister of Nantucket Monthly Meeting, departed this life on Fourth Month 23, 1936. The daughter of Caleb B. and Hannah (Sharpless) Cope, she was born at Jenkintown, Pennsylvania, Fourth Month 20, 1854. In 1882 she married Horace B. Foster and moved to Centerville, Rhode Island, where she lived the remainder of her life.

She never broke the silence of a religious meeting

with words of counsel, except from a deep sense of required duty. Her unselfish and generous spirit was an outstanding characteristic. She possessed great practical abilities as well as spiritual insight and power. She was courageous in facing every duty no matter how much the cost to her. She was always diligent in Christian work, and she visited with minutes of unity from her home meeting, Ohio, Philadelphia, North Carolina and Canada Yearly Meetings.

During several years of failing health, she was without exception patient and serene, with a strong and sustaining faith.

The report of the Nominating Committee in the form of a list of Friends proposed for service on the several Committees was accepted for further consideration as appointments to the committees should be made.

The Committee appointed to nominate a Friend to attend the Friends World Conference, and an alternate in the event of the inability of the one appointed to attend, reports that they were united in suggesting the name of Millicent S. Foster; and of Henry H. Perry as alternate. This report is approved by the Meeting.

The records of the Meeting for Sufferings were read, omitting therein somewhat lengthy extracts from the records of the Yearly Meeting for 1935. The minutes were united with. A report was read from the Committee appointed by the Meeting for Sufferings to consider and report as to the more advantageous use of our Yearly Meeting time, which report, it appears, has been accepted by the Meeting for Sufferings. After consideration, the Yearly Meeting accepts the report as presenting a satisfactory tentative schedule, with question, however, as to taking from the regular business meetings the reading of the General Queries. The Meeting for Sufferings is given liberty to reconsider this report at subsequent sittings and, if deemed advisable, to present any proposal for changes at the time of our next Yearly Meeting.

Henry C. Foster is appointed a member of the Meeting for Sufferings to serve until 1938.

A report received from the American Friends Service Committee was read in full at this time.

Harvey C. Perry, Jessie Gidley Carter and Edith Nicholson Perry are appointed to serve as our representatives on the American Friends Service Committee for the ensuing year.

Richard C. Brown told of the meeting led by him yesterday afternoon with about sixteen of the younger children. He encouraged us to continue such efforts with the children as promising to bring forth fruit fully repaying our efforts.

Albert L. Scott, Jr., reported that about twenty-eight young people met on First Day afternoon for an hour's discussion of the beliefs of Friends. He alluded to the difficulty of getting a valuable discussion started within an hour and hoped that a young Friends' Conference lasting several days might be arranged for next summer or at some suitable time.

The report of the Peace Committee was read and was accepted. The committee, which works in a difficult field and at disadvantage because of its having a scattered membership, is encouraged in its effort.

REPORT OF PEACE COMMITTEE

The work of the Committee in the past year has included our regular exhibit for teachers at the Rhode Island Institute of Instruction. Although care was taken to furnish some new material, there was very little attention paid to the exhibit. It is not possible to get an entirely new line of material each year and the Institute is not the place to contact the superintendents and heads of departments who do the chief purchasing. We, therefore, feel that we should examine into other ways and means of encouraging international viewpoints in education and that we should discontinue the Institute exhibit until we can be more effective there. Since we find we need more knowledge of the character of text-books, their attitudes toward international questions and approaches to social problems, we are proposing to study them and make some appraisal in the coming year.

Our portable exhibit was loaned to one school for two weeks where it was much appreciated. As schools this year were very much occupied with Rhode Island Tercentenary projects, it was not an auspicious time to interest them in our exhibit. We hope to do more in this line the coming year.

A half scholarship was provided for a teacher who attended the New England Institute of International Relations at Wellesley and four of our Yearly Meeting members attended it for two days.

The committee paid the expense of Alden G. Alley's lecture to the Westerly High School students on The Danger of Fascism in the United States. The faculty and pupils were most enthusiastic about the address.

Since our members are scattered in different communities, it is difficult to confer and work together and this makes, for the most part, individual work in our own communities the more feasible. One member did active organizing for Peace Bond work throughout the state and a few have worked throughout the year in connection with the Rhode Island Peace Action Committee. They have given a large amount of time and service to working in their own communities for more articulate peace conviction.

We wish to call especial attention to the notable and interesting project which a member of our Yearly Meeting has carried on entirely individually. She has supplied on a large scale the latest peace books and international literature to libraries, college Christian Unions, ministers, and other active peace workers. This wide distribution has resulted in reaching many students and inspiring peace sermons on the part of ministers.

We have found that Foreign Policy headline books have proved especially valuable for distribution. As an experiment they were placed in the waiting room of a popular dental office where, it was reported, they were much read.

We recommend that this committee give an informal report at each Quarterly Meeting in order that all our members may know and partake of the concerns of the committee, and that we may have their counsel.

For the committee

Elizabeth Perry

Peace Committee Expenditures

Cost of Institute Exhibit after deduction of $7.10, sales receipts	$ 34.60
Peace Speaker	5.00
Half Scholarship for New England International Institute	17.50
American Friends Service Committee (Peace Section)	100.00
National Council for Prevention of War	100.00
Total Expenditures	$ 257.10

As members of the Peace Committee for the ensuing year, we appoint Elizabeth Perry, Henry T. Gidley, William O. Foster, Henry H. Perry, Anna Foster, Alice Edge Perry, Anne G. Carter, Charlotte Gidley, Mary H. Damerel, Millicent S. Foster, Ethel Foster, Elizabeth M. Chace and Anna H. Chace.

Answers to the Supplementary Queries were read at this time. There were also read items of additional information from the Quarterly Meeting.

ANSWERS TO THE SUPPLEMENTARY QUERIES

1. Mary C. Foster, a minister, died the 23d of Fourth Month, 1936, in the 83d year of her age.

2. There have been no new meetings established nor any discontinued during the year.

3. Care is taken to keep regular records of all changes in membership in the book provided for the purpose by the Yearly Meeting. This list is compared with the records of the overseers of the Monthly Meetings. A list is kept of non-members married to members and of their minor children. Overseers also keep a list of attenders who are not members.

4. Friends who have needed assistance have received it, especially for the education of their children.

5. Friends are concerned to place their children in schools of high standing.

6. The overseers know of no cases of delinquent conduct.

7. Queries are read in the subordinate meetings and specific queries are read and answers forwarded with accounts from the Monthly Meeting as directed.

Statistics from the Quarterly Meeting

There has been one marriage to a non-Friend during the past year.

Eight members of this meeting attended college this past year, four of them graduating; three attended Friends schools; others attended public schools or carefully chosen private schools.

The Committee appointed to audit the accounts of the Treasurer reports as follows:

RECEIPTS

Balance from last year	$ 924.89
Monthly Meeting quotas	600.00
Interest on bank account	34.07
Returned from Peace committee	17.50
	$1,576.46

EXPENDITURES

Yearly Meeting Expenses	$ 71.16
Secretarial Work and Postage	89.47
Printing of the minutes	101.75
Friends World Conference Committee	25.00
Peace Committee	274.60
Friends Book Store (for Book and Tract Committee)	25.00
Balance on hand	989.48
	$ 1,576.46

These accounts have been audited and found to be correct.

William O. Foster
Frederick C. Buffum

The report is accepted.

William S. Nichols and Albert L. Scott, Jr., are appointed to serve as Auditing Committee for the ensuing year.

The Finance Committee submitted a budget prepared for the consideration of the Yearly Meeting and the following was adopted as the budget for the ensuing year.

Expected Receipts

Balance of cash on hand per Auditors' Report		$ 989.48
Quarterly Meeting quota	$ 600.00	
Othniel Tripp Fund	70.11	
Interest on Meeting balances	30.00	$ 700.11

Appropriations

World Conference Committee	$ 50.00	
Meals	100.00	
Preparing Meeting House	20.00	
Peace Committee	300.00	
Book and Tract Committee	100.00	
Stationery supplies	10.00	
Secretarial Work and Postage	100.00	
Printing minutes	100.00	
Miscellaneous	20.00	$ 800.00
Reserved for the Meeting for Sufferings		$ 50.00

Phebe F. Perry presented the report of the Communications and Epistle Committee. The report recommends that our epistle be sent to all organized Yearly Meetings throughout the world; further, that a proposed covering letter, written for the purpose, be sent with the epistle to all with whom we have

usually corresponded, and another covering letter to the other Yearly Meetings. The proposed epistle and covering letters were read as also was a special letter to the German Yearly Meeting. These messages met with full unity in this Meeting and the proposal as to their disposition was satisfactory to the Meeting.

GENERAL EPISTLE

Dear Friends:

Through the messages sent to us from Friends in many places and through the ministry of visiting Friends we have been made more aware of the Love of God working in His followers in all parts of the world. We desire that you realize our interest in, and our love for, all these spiritual brothers and sisters wherever they may be.

We feel the weight of many problems and we have come to see that no scheme or program is able to make a world with which we can be satisfied. Only a mighty flowing of divine life into society can change it and individuals must be the channels for that flow. This attempt to lift life above the petty details of every day to a point where we can be continually aware of God's plan for us is not an uninspiring duty but a tremendous adventure. The more difficult the obstacles the more challenging should life become. Our response must be complete and made in a hardy and buoyant spirit. It is to this high calling we are bent.

Covering Letters to accompany Epistle

(to be sent to all Meetings with whom we have formerly corresponded)

Dear Friends:

In common with all other yearly meetings, we are meeting the increasing problem of presenting adequately at our sessions the many epistles sent to us from all over the world. We believe the feeling of love and fellowship, which is the principal reason for the exchange of epistles, may be expressed in a few words. This is the reason for the brevity of our communication this year. Our interest in you is increasingly alive and we desire your loving thought for us.

(to be sent to all Meetings with whom we have not previously corresponded)

Dear Friends:

We send you our epistle as a token of a love for and fellowship with Friends all over the world. We feel that we should no longer, by failure to include any yearly meeting, give the impression that we do not have the tenderest feelings for all within our society. Service to the Lord requires a rising above all man-made limitations and barriers into the "ocean of life and love" in which, alone, all Christians can know one another.

Millicent S. Foster, Charles Perry, Ethel Foster, Henry C. Foster, Ann G. Lowry, Rebecca Perry, and Albert L. Scott, Jr., are appointed a Communications and Epistle Committee for the ensuing year.

The Book and Tract Committee made the following report, which is approved.

REPORT OF BOOK AND TRACT COMMITTEE

The Book and Tract Committee has purchased most of the books recommended in Commission I of the study outline of the World Conference Committee. A number of individuals and two discussion groups have used them with stimulating effect and commend them to Friends who have not yet read them.

Ethel Foster
for the Committee

As members of the Book and Tract Committee for the ensuing year we appoint Ethel Foster, Elizabeth M. Chace, Henry C. Foster, Jessie Gidley Carter, Elizabeth Foster, Anna H. Chace, Phebe Wilbur, Alice Gidley and Elizabeth Perry.

After discussion, the Meeting concluded that it was best not to make appointment this year of representatives on the Associated Executive Committee of Friends on Indian Affairs.

Ann G. Lowry, Phebe F. Perry, Edith N. Perry, Jane M. Foster, Priscilla Perry Hall and Lydia A. Nichols are appointed members of the Religious Education Committee.

We appoint as members of the Committee on Relations with Other Yearly Meetings Elizabeth M. Chace, Edith N. Perry, Eunice B. Clarke, Thomas Perry, Albert L. Scott, Jr., Mira Tucker, Thomas P. Nichols, Charles Perry, Anna Foster, Margaret Perry Bruton and James W. Oliver.

We appoint Rebecca Hutton Perry, Elizabeth Perry, Elizabeth Foster, Harvey C. Perry, Marian B. Goodwin, Eunice B.

Clarke, Phebe F. Perry, Elizabeth Damerel Gangaware, Frederick C. Buffum, Ruth E. Carter and Rebecca Perry to serve as a Committee of Arrangements for the next annual session of the Yearly Meeting.

Thomas Perry, Henry C. Foster, Henry H. Perry, ex officio, and Ann Gidley Lowry, ex officio, are appointed a committee on Publishing the Minutes of the Yearly Meeting.

The Clerk is directed to incorporate in the minutes such reports of our standing committees and such other items as the Committee on Publishing the Minutes shall approve.

The Clerk is directed to make all necessary extracts from the minutes of this Meeting and to sign them on its behalf.

The Clerks are requested to send a message of greeting and affection to our dear friends, Anna A. Gardner, Mary J. Cope and Anna H. Chace, who are unable to be with us.

MINUTE OF EXERCISE

We feel there are few here who could not truthfully say they had received the truth in a new light to take away and fit into their daily lives.

Life was referred to as a great adventure comparable to the attempt to climb the highest mountains. George Fox, who continued in this adventurous spirit through five years of apparently almost fruitless effort, eventually saw thousands of English men and women share with him a new vision of Truth which opened a way of life for seekers in every country.

The experiences and insight gained from these meetings have been rich and concentrated. We can compare them to visions gained upon the mountain top. But it must be remembered that the spiritual message of Friends applies to all of life and must

be a part of our commonplace living and must spread to the plain of our ordinary existence. We must needs become a scattered group again as we go our several ways. Yet we must not forget the contagious power of our individual life upon all others with whom we come in contact. There are seekers today in this troubled and bewildered world, who are ready to respond to an example of courageous and radiant living.

We now conclude, purposing to meet at this place at the appointed time next year if consistent with the Divine Will.

Henry A. Perry Clerk